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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

AUGUST

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment decreased by 5,080 from mid-July to mid-August. The latest total of 16,470 unemployed represents 2.9 percent of the civilian labor force of 564,810. A year ago there were 19,780 unemployed and the rate was 3.6 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.7 percent in August, 7.0 percent in July and 6.9 percent in August 1985. Based on the latest data available by state, July 1986, New Hampshire has posted the lowest unemployment rate of any state for the past twelve months. The substantial drop in the August unemployment rate is due in part to many factory workers having returned to work after the annual July vacation plant shutdowns. These workers were technically unemployed in July because they received no vacation pay due to a lack of sufficient time on the job prior to the vacation plant shutdowns. All labor market areas in the state except the town of Pelham experienced decreased unemployment from July. The largest unemployment decrease occurred in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA with 1,420 fewer unemployed. The unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.8 percent in both the Claremont and Concord areas to a high of 6.2 percent in the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA). All areas recorded unemployment levels below a year ago. The largest decreases were in the Nashua PMSA with 790 and in the Keene area with 410 fewer unemployed.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 4,200 from July as manufacturing was up 3,750 and nonmanufacturing 450. In the nonmanufacturing division, services was up 950 while construction was down 450. Compared to the year ago level, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 16,600 as manufacturing is down 3,200 while nonmanufacturing is up 19,800. The largest gain occurred in services which is up 6,700 workers over last year. The largest drop in jobs occurred in electrical products which is down 1,350. Construction is up 3,450 and trade 4,750.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 930 from July as the unemployment rate dropped from 3.5 to 2.4 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.8 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 600 workers from July and also by 600 workers from the year ago level. Manufacturing lost 1,200 workers over the year while nonmanufacturing gained 1,800. Services is up 750 while machinery and electrical products is down 800.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 480 from July as the jobless count went from 3,180 to 2,700 and the unemployment rate dropped from 3.5 to 3.1 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.9 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 300 from July and is up 100 from a year ago. Over the year manufacturing has lost 650 workers while nonmanufacturing has gained 750. Trade gained 550 while machinery and electrical products lost 450.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Month	Year	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Month	Year	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	564,810	576,060	547,120	-11,250	17,690	79,920	81,850	81,100	-1,930	-1,180	87,330	89,770	89,740	-2,440	-2,410
2. Unemployment	16,470	21,550	19,780	-5,080	-3,310	1,950	2,880	2,310	-930	-360	2,700	3,180	3,490	-480	-790
Percent of labor force	2.9	3.7	3.6	xxx	xxx	2.4	3.5	2.8	xxx	xxx	3.1	3.5	3.9	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	547,990	554,510	527,040	-6,520	20,950	77,970	78,970	78,790	-1,000	-820	84,630	86,590	86,250	-1,960	-1,620
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	0	300	350	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	494,700	490,500	478,100	4,200	16,600	80,900	80,300	80,300	600	600	83,950	84,250	83,850	-300	100
Manufacturing	119,700	115,950	122,900	3,750	-3,200	14,300	13,600	15,500	700	-1,200	36,550	36,750	37,200	-200	- 650
Durable goods	82,300	81,100	83,900	1,200	-1,600	8,600	8,200	9,300	400	- 700	30,250	30,550	30,900	-300	- 650
Lumber & wood prods.	5,900	5,500	6,000	400	- 100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,550	1,550	50	50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,100	3,050	3,050	50	50										
Primary metal prods.	4,000	4,350	4,300	-350	- 300										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,800	6,500	7,050	300	- 250	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,650	25,550	*25,750	100	- 100	4,950	4,600	5,750	350	- 800	22,950	23,250	23,400	-300	- 450
Electrical prods.	23,850	23,300	25,200	550	-1,350										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,050	2,300	50	- 200										
Other durables	9,300	9,250	8,700	50	600	3,650	3,600	3,550	50	100	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	- 200
Nondurable goods	37,400	34,850	39,000	2,550	-1,600	5,700	5,400	6,200	300	- 500	6,300	6,200	6,300	100	0
Food & kindred prods.	3,500	3,100	3,150	400	350										
Textile mill prods.	3,600	3,200	3,700	400	- 100	1,450	1,200	1,600	250	- 150					
Apparel	2,450	2,150	2,600	300	- 150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,450	5,450	5,650	0	- 200										
Print., pub. & allied	7,000	6,850	7,250	150	- 250										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,100	4,200	5,750	900	- 650										
Other nondurables	10,300	9,900	10,900	400	- 600	4,250	4,200	4,600	50	- 350					
Nonmanufacturing	375,000	374,550	355,200	450	19,800	66,600	66,700	64,800	-100	1,800	47,400	47,500	46,650	-100	750
Construction (inc. min.)	39,200	39,650	35,750	-450	3,450	5,700	5,600	5,250	100	450	4,150	4,150	4,100	0	50
Trans., comm. & util.	15,500	15,500	15,600	0	- 100	5,000	4,950	4,850	50	150	2,050	2,100	2,000	- 50	50
Trade	122,600	122,300	117,850	300	4,750	21,000	21,300	21,200	-300	- 200	17,850	17,650	17,300	200	550
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,450	28,350	25,800	100	2,650	7,700	7,650	7,250	50	450	2,800	2,800	2,750	0	0
Service industry & other	112,350	111,400	105,650	950	6,700	19,700	19,700	18,950	0	750	15,350	15,350	15,300	0	50
Government	56,900	57,350	54,550	-450	2,350	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	200	5,200	5,450	5,200	-250	0
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,750	0	350	2,400	2,350	2,250	50	150	800	800	750	0	50
State	15,550	15,550	15,600	0	- 50	800	800	850	0	- 50	200	200	200	0	0
Local	33,250	33,700	31,200	-450	2,050	4,300	4,350	4,200	- 50	100	4,200	4,450	4,250	-250	-50

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

* August 1986 - Industry 33-350 Workers on Strike not included.

* August 1985 - Industry 35-300 Workers on Strike not included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

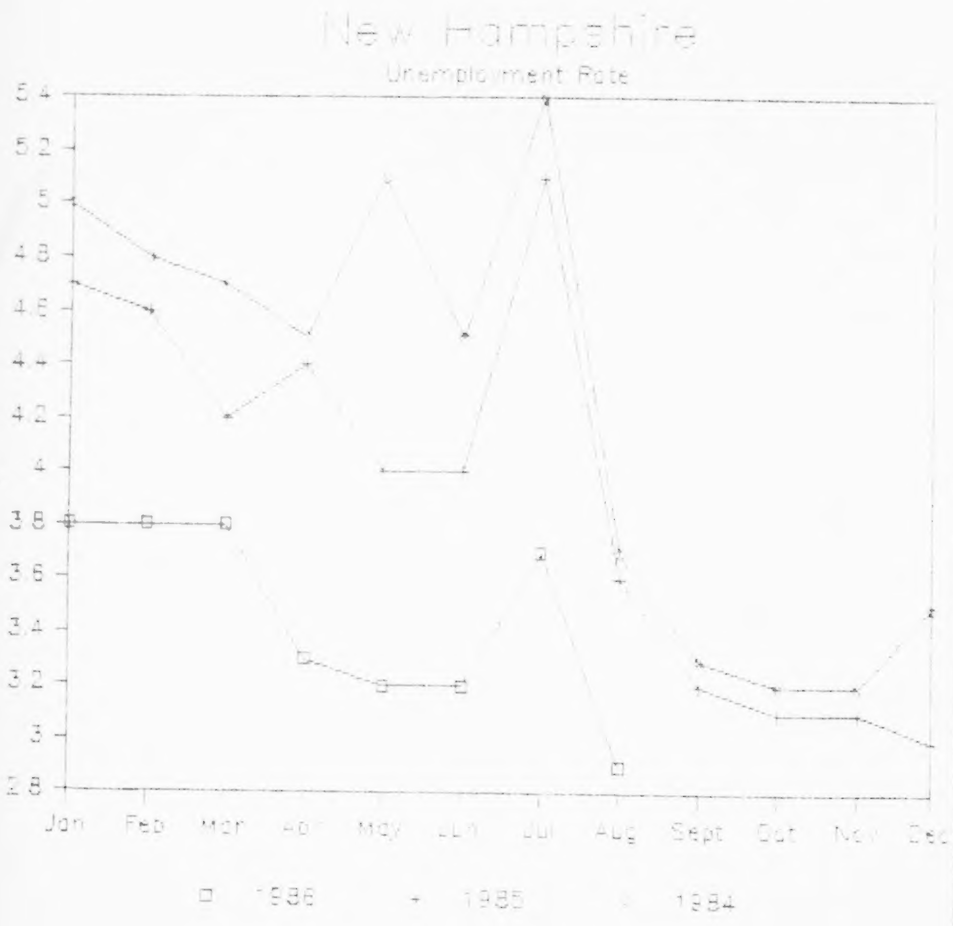
	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	August 1986		July 1986		August 1985		Numerical Change From Previous					Numerical Change From Previous	
Area	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,955	6.7	8,471	7.0	8,051	6.9	-516	-96	119,471	120,303	116,679	-832	2,792
NEW HAMPSHIRE	16,470	2.9	21,550	3.7	19,780	3.6	-5,080	-3,310	564,810	576,060	547,120	-11,250	17,690
BERLIN LMA	800	3.0	780	2.9	920	3.6	20	-120	26,910	26,750	25,230	160	1,680
CLAREMONT LMA	700	1.8	920	2.3	940	2.6	-220	-240	39,000	39,750	36,520	-750	2,480
CONCORD LMA	900	1.8	1,270	2.5	1,270	2.7	-370	-370	50,380	51,180	47,160	-800	3,220
KEENE LMA	830	2.0	1,270	3.1	1,240	3.2	-440	-410	40,840	41,560	38,640	-720	2,200
LACONIA LMA	1,110	2.0	1,570	2.8	1,310	2.5	-460	-200	55,340	56,250	51,830	-910	3,510
LITTLETON LMA	440	2.4	840	4.4	470	2.8	-400	- 30	18,450	18,890	16,800	-440	1,650
MANCHESTER MSA	1,950	2.4	2,880	3.5	2,310	2.8	-930	-360	79,920	81,850	81,100	-1,930	-1,180
NASHUA PMSA	2,700	3.1	3,180	3.5	3,490	3.9	-480	-790	87,330	89,770	89,740	-2,440	-2,410
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,610	6.2	2,860	6.6	2,830	6.7	-250	-220	42,360	43,630	42,090	-1,270	270
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,830	2.9	5,250	3.9	4,160	3.3	-1,420	-330	132,090	133,330	125,300	-1,240	6,790
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	680	3.8	910	5.0	850	5.1	-230	-170	17,720	18,320	16,620	-600	1,100
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	250	5.4	250	5.2	200	6.3	0	-30	4,660	4,800	4,570	-140	90
County													
BELKNAP	570	2.0	900	3.1	670	2.5	-330	-100	28,160	28,720	26,370	-560	1,790
CARROLL	300	1.6	330	1.8	470	2.7	-30	-170	18,480	18,560	17,400	-80	1,080
CHESHIRE	760	2.1	1,190	3.2	1,150	3.3	-430	-390	36,550	37,230	34,600	-680	1,950
COOS	790	3.5	870	3.9	900	4.3	-80	-110	22,450	22,450	20,950	0	1,500
GRAFTON	790	1.9	1,230	3.0	910	2.4	-440	-120	40,570	41,340	37,590	-770	2,980
HILLSBOROUGH	4,790	2.8	6,180	3.6	6,030	3.5	-1,390	-1,240	168,140	172,510	170,330	-4,370	-2,190
MERRIMACK	1,130	1.9	1,530	2.5	1,490	2.6	-400	-360	60,480	61,430	57,160	-950	3,320
ROCKINGHAM	4,940	4.4	5,610	4.9	5,130	4.7	-670	-190	111,930	114,100	108,560	-2,170	3,370
STRAFFORD	1,980	3.4	3,120	5.3	2,480	4.5	-1,140	-500	57,840	59,060	55,220	-1,220	2,620
SULLIVAN	420	2.1	590	2.9	550	2.9	-170	-130	20,210	20,660	18,940	-450	1,270

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - August	324.3			
Percent change from year ago	1.2			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - August	328.6			
Percent change from year ago	1.6			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR YOUTH BY SEX AND COUNTY WITH PERCENT DISTRIBUTION 1987

Area	Age 14 - 15	Percent	Age 16 - 19	Percent	Age 16 - 21	Percent
New Hampshire	32,111	100.0	67,378	100.0	101,912	100.0
Female	15,596	100.0	32,684	100.0	49,983	100.0
Male	16,515	100.0	34,694	100.0	51,929	100.0
Belknap	1,341	4.2	2,495	3.7	3,749	3.7
Female	630	4.0	1,122	3.4	1,722	3.4
Male	711	4.3	1,373	4.0	2,027	3.9
Carroll	823	2.6	1,700	2.5	2,520	2.5
Female	401	2.6	806	2.4	1,208	2.4
Male	422	2.6	894	2.6	1,312	2.5
Cheshire	2,128	6.6	4,557	6.8	6,785	6.6
Female	1,078	6.9	2,443	7.5	3,584	7.2
Male	1,050	6.4	2,114	6.1	3,201	6.2
Coos	1,016	3.2	1,833	2.7	2,861	2.8
Female	485	3.1	874	2.7	1,386	2.8
Male	531	3.2	959	2.8	1,475	2.8
Grafton	2,504	7.8	6,302	9.4	9,365	9.2
Female	1,195	7.7	2,934	9.0	3,979	8.0
Male	1,309	7.9	3,368	9.7	5,386	10.4
Hillsborough	9,729	30.3	19,683	29.2	28,958	28.4
Female	4,897	31.4	10,162	31.1	15,023	30.1
Male	4,832	29.3	9,521	27.4	13,935	26.8
Merrimack	3,244	10.1	6,671	9.8	9,867	9.7
Female	1,600	10.3	3,369	10.3	5,106	10.2
Male	1,644	9.9	3,248	9.4	4,761	9.2
Rockingham	6,678	20.8	13,235	19.6	21,177	20.8
Female	3,189	20.4	6,151	18.8	9,916	19.8
Male	3,489	21.1	7,084	20.4	11,261	21.7
Strafford	3,477	10.8	8,889	13.2	13,503	13.2
Female	1,567	10.0	3,813	11.7	6,501	13.0
Male	1,910	11.6	5,076	14.6	7,002	13.5
Sullivan	1,171	3.6	2,067	3.1	3,127	3.1
Female	554	3.6	1,010	3.1	1,558	3.1
Male	617	3.7	1,057	3.0	1,569	3.0
Balance of State	22,382	69.7	47,695	70.8	72,954	71.6
Female	10,699	68.6	22,522	68.9	34,960	69.9
Male	11,683	70.7	25,173	72.6	37,994	73.2

SOURCE: Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Labor Market Projections 1987

Weekly Claims Filed During August
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,105	12,431	4	33	5	26	19	66	17	50
Berlin	137	728	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Claremont	92	268	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0
Concord	141	500	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	3
Conway	33	93	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	755	2,188	2	11	1	11	6	10	5	10
Keene	119	556	0	1	0	2	1	5	0	1
Laconia	210	456	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	3
Lebanon	34	111	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Littleton	91	404	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Manchester	451	2,004	1	1	1	0	5	9	4	4
Nashua	255	1,219	0	2	1	3	0	4	1	4
Portsmouth	437	1,921	0	0	0	2	1	20	4	5
Salem	132	359	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	3
Liable Interstate	218	1,624	0	6	1	0	1	0	2	15

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $122.54

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$136,810,254.52

Net contributions received during month:

$ 2,128,734.28

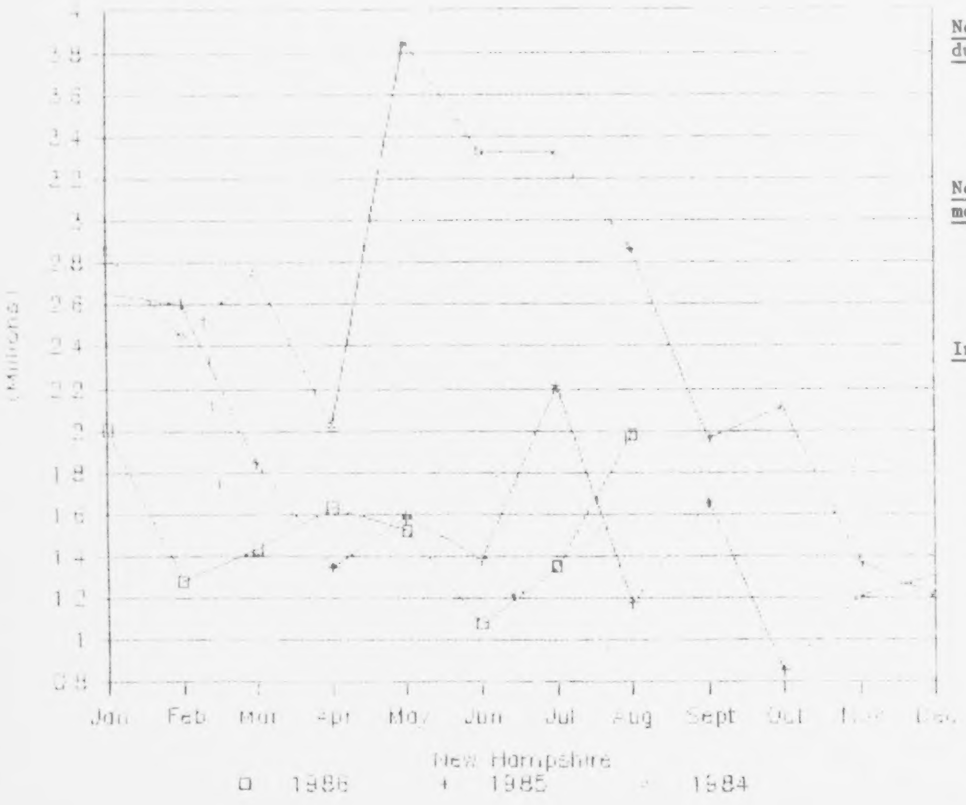
Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,984,966.12

Interest Received:

$ 3,251,191.22

Unemployment Benefits Paid Monthly



AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
All manufacturing	$360.39	$357.06	$339.29	41.0	40.3	40.2	$8.79	$8.86	$8.44
Durable goods	371.40	362.29	353.43	41.0	39.9	40.3	9.06	9.08	8.77
Lumber & wood prods.	286.03	263.42	264.77	40.4	38.4	39.4	7.08	6.86	6.72
Furniture & fixtures	291.53	278.91	286.04	40.1	38.9	39.4	7.27	7.17	7.26
Stone & clay prods.	366.77	354.04	347.96	43.2	42.4	42.8	8.49	8.35	8.13
Primary metal prods.	404.32	381.78	372.19	43.9	42.8	40.9	9.21	8.92	9.10
Fab. metal prods.	344.84	332.38	329.51	39.5	37.9	39.7	8.73	8.77	8.30
Mach. (exc. elec.)	403.97	397.94	378.16	42.3	41.8	42.3	9.55	9.52	8.94
Electrical prods.	389.14	384.12	373.83	40.2	38.8	38.9	9.68	9.90	9.61
Miscellaneous prods.	271.83	272.84	257.57	39.0	38.0	38.5	6.97	7.18	6.69
Other durables	369.15	361.49	363.91	40.3	39.9	40.3	9.16	9.06	9.03
Nondurable goods	339.08	345.24	313.98	41.1	41.1	40.1	8.25	8.40	7.83
Food & kindred prods.	373.15	422.38	383.78	41.6	43.1	41.4	8.97	9.80	9.27
Textile mill prods.	318.22	308.74	276.98	42.6	40.2	39.4	7.47	7.68	7.03
Apparel	229.49	228.33	217.46	38.7	38.7	37.3	5.93	5.90	5.83
Paper & allied prods.	485.51	484.97	431.50	48.6	48.4	46.8	9.99	10.02	9.22
Print., pub. & allied	362.35	354.54	322.92	39.3	38.0	39.0	9.22	9.33	8.28
Leather & lea. prods.	207.72	223.29	200.00	36.7	38.9	36.9	5.66	5.74	5.42
Footwear	196.18	216.46	188.71	36.6	39.5	36.4	5.36	5.48	5.17
Other nondurables	353.38	345.10	339.25	40.9	40.6	40.1	8.64	8.50	8.46

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
52%

Total Production Workers:
82,600

Firms Reporting:
355

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
All manufacturing	$362.85	$345.35	$328.75	41.9	39.2	39.8	$8.66	$8.81	$8.26
Durable goods	375.47	366.53	354.80	40.2	38.3	40.0	9.34	9.57	8.87
Mach. & elec. prods.	365.20	360.23	358.80	40.0	38.2	40.0	9.13	9.43	8.97
Other durables	387.84	374.61	348.33	40.4	38.5	39.9	9.60	9.73	8.73
Nondurable goods	344.31	310.27	291.91	44.6	40.4	39.5	7.72	7.68	7.39
Textiles & apparel	343.27	284.53	270.44	46.2	39.3	38.8	7.43	7.24	6.97
Other nondurables	344.96	318.24	299.69	44.0	40.8	39.8	7.84	7.80	7.53

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
50%

Total Production Workers:
10,800

Firms Reporting:
44

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
All manufacturing	$404.94	$400.42	$400.80	39.2	38.8	40.0	$10.33	$10.32	$10.02
Durable goods	407.42	400.02	413.31	39.1	38.5	40.6	10.42	10.39	10.18
Mach. & elec. prods.	423.36	418.49	444.91	37.8	37.6	40.3	11.20	11.13	11.04
Other durables	371.00	355.01	337.02	42.4	40.9	41.2	8.75	8.68	8.18
Nondurable goods	391.43	400.00	353.99	39.3	40.0	37.9	9.96	10.00	9.34

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
53%

Total Production Workers:
20,950

Firms Reporting:
72

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending August 31, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,749	4,550	1,643	850	865	408
Managerial (00,19)	1,609	564	216	83	226	72
Clerical (20-24)	1,874	1,580	330	268	173	142
Sales (25-29)	467	233	86	40	45	30
Services (3)	1,511	928	242	160	107	49
Farm (4)	93	15	11	1	8	1
Processing (5)	138	48	24	9	18	4
Machine Trade (6)	747	239	139	61	57	16
Benchwork (7)	889	639	214	164	89	64
Structural (8)	1,545	84	201	14	71	4
Miscellaneous (9)	847	205	177	48	62	21
Unclassified	29	15	3	2	9	5

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	August 1986	July 1986	July 1, 1986 to August 21, 1986
Total applicants for employment	3,652	2,900	6,552
Total nonagricultural job openings received	3,462	2,565	6,027
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,669	2,507	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	2,745	990	3,735

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

September
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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 1,800 from mid-August to mid-September. The latest total of 14,670 unemployed represents 2.6 percent of the civilian labor force of 565,780. A year ago there where 17,530 unemployed and the rate was 3.2 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.7 percent in September, 6.7 percent in August, and 6.9 percent a year ago. New Hampshire, based on the latest data available by state, August 1986, has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for the past thirteen months. It is expected that the State's 2.6 percent September rate will continue this trend. All areas with the exception of Keene and Pelham experienced unemployment decreases in September. The Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. - ME. MSA reported an unemployment decrease of 570 and was followed by the Laconia area with 290 fewer unemployed. The Keene and Pelham areas had no change in unemployment from August to September. The rate of unemployment ranged from a low of 1.6 percent in the Laconia area to a high of 5.5 percent in the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA). The September employment change reflected the openings of schools and colleges including the hiring of bus drivers, janitors, teacher aides, cafeteria workers, etc. Many trade and service establishments closed for the season following the labor day weekend. Year ago comparisons indicate the State had 2,860 fewer unemployed this year and all areas had unemployment decreases.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 500 from August as manufacturing lost 500 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 1,000. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 16,100 workers as manufacturing lost 3,500 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 19,650. In manufacturing, electrical products lost 900 workers while in nonmanufacturing services gained 7,200, trade 4,100, and construction 2,450.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 200 from August as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.4 to 2.2 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.6 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 550 workers from August and by 700 from a year ago. Manufacturing lost 1,150 jobs during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 1,850. In the manufacturing division, machinery and electrical products lost 700 jobs during the year while in the nonmanufacturing sector services gained 700.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 120 from August as the rate went from 3.1 to 2.9 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.7 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 750 workers from August and by 1,700 from a year ago. While manufacturing gained only fifty jobs during the year, nonmanufacturing added on 1,650. Trade is up 800, services 200, and construction 100.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Month	Year	Sept. 1986	Aug 1986	Sept. 1985	Month	Year	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	565,780	564,810	543,090	970	22,690	80,610	79,920	80,790	690	-180	88,940	87,330	88,730	1,610	210
2. Unemployment	14,670	16,470	17,530	-1,800	-2,860	1,750	1,950	2,130	-200	-380	2,580	2,700	3,240	- 120	-660
Percent of labor force	2.6	2.9	3.2	xxx	xxx	2.2	2.4	2.6	xxx	xxx	2.9	3.1	3.7	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	550,760	547,990	525,560	2,770	25,200	78,860	77,970	78,660	890	200	86,360	84,630	85,490	1,730	870
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	495,300	494,800	479,200	500	16,100	81,150	80,600	80,450	550	700	84,900	84,150	83,200	750	1,700
Manufacturing	118,850	119,350	122,400	- 500	- 3,550	14,300	14,300	15,450	0	-1,150	36,300	36,700	36,250	- 400	50
Durable goods	81,800	82,200	83,150	- 400	- 1,350	8,650	8,600	9,250	50	- 600	30,050	30,400	30,000	- 350	50
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,900	5,800	- 150	- 50										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0										
Stone & clay prods.	3,100	3,050	3,050	50	50										
Primary metal prods.	* 3,950	* 4,000	4,300	- 50	- 350										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,900	6,800	7,150	100	- 250				Machinery And Electrical Products Combined						
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,200	25,600	25,550	- 400	- 350	4,950	4,950	5,650	0	- 700	22,600	22,950	22,650	- 350	- 50
Electrical prods.	23,750	23,800	24,650	- 50	- 900										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	- 200										
Other durables	9,450	9,350	8,750	100	700	3,700	3,650	3,600	50	100	7,450	7,450	7,350	0	100
Nondurable goods	37,050	37,150	39,250	- 100	- 2,200	5,650	5,700	6,200	- 50	- 550	6,250	6,300	6,250	- 50	0
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300										
Textile mill prods.	3,550	3,600	3,700	- 50	- 150	1,450	1,450	1,600	0	- 150					
Apparel	2,400	2,450	2,600	- 50	- 200										
Paper & allied prods.	5,400	5,450	5,600	- 50	- 200										
Print., pub. & allied	7,150	6,900	7,250	250	- 100										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,050	5,150	5,800	- 100	- 750										
Other nondurables	10,100	10,200	11,200	- 100	- 1,100	4,200	4,250	4,600	- 50	- 400					
Nonmanufacturing	376,450	375,450	356,800	1,000	19,650	66,850	66,300	65,000	550	1,850	48,600	47,450	46,950	1,150	1,650
Construction (inc. min.)	39,000	39,200	36,550	- 200	2,450	5,700	5,750	5,350	- 50	350	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100
Trans., comm. & util.	16,050	15,500	16,100	550	- 50	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200	2,200	2,100	2,200	100	0
Trade	121,350	122,600	117,250	-1,250	4,100	21,000	20,950	21,200	50	- 200	18,050	17,900	17,250	150	800
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,200	28,450	25,800	- 250	2,400	7,800	7,750	7,150	50	650	2,750	2,800	2,700	- 50	50
Service industry & other	110,100	112,350	102,900	-2,250	7,200	19,750	19,650	19,050	100	700	15,350	15,300	15,150	50	200
Government	61,750	57,350	58,200	4,400	3,550	7,600	7,200	7,450	400	150	6,150	5,250	5,650	900	500
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,700	0	400	2,400	2,400	2,150	0	250	750	800	750	- 50	0
State	16,400	15,550	16,400	850	0	800	800	800	0	0	250	200	200	50	50
Local	37,250	33,700	34,100	3,550	3,150	4,400	4,000	4,500	400	- 100	5,150	4,250	4,700	900	450

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment Benchmark

Labor Disputes:

* August & September 33-350 Workers on Strike no included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	September 1986		August 1986		September 1985		Numerical Change From Previous		September 1986	August 1986	September 1985	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,015	6.8	7,955	6.7	7,984	6.9	60	91	118,244	119,471	115,850	-1,227	2,394
NEW HAMPSHIRE	14,670	2.6	16,470	2.9	17,530	3.2	-1,800	-2,860	565,780	564,810	543,090	970	22,690
BERLIN LMA	640	2.4	800	3.0	870	3.6	- 160	- 230	26,370	26,910	24,470	- 540	1,900
CLAREMONT LMA	650	1.7	700	1.8	860	2.4	- 50	- 210	38,800	39,000	36,320	- 200	2,480
CONCORD LMA	910	1.8	900	1.8	980	2.1	10	- 70	51,110	50,380	47,480	730	3,630
KEENE LMA	830	2.0	830	2.0	1,090	2.8	0	- 260	41,830	40,840	39,300	990	2,530
LACONIA LMA	820	1.6	1,110	2.0	1,200	2.4	- 290	- 380	52,870	55,340	49,340	-2,470	3,530
LITTLETON LMA	370	2.0	440	2.4	420	2.5	- 70	- 50	18,190	18,450	16,590	- 260	1,600
MANCHESTER MSA	1,750	2.2	1,950	2.4	2,130	2.6	- 200	- 380	80,610	79,920	80,790	690	-180
NASHUA PMSA	2,580	2.9	2,700	3.1	3,240	3.7	- 120	- 660	88,940	87,330	88,730	1,610	210
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,330	5.5	2,610	6.2	2,440	5.8	- 280	- 110	42,520	42,360	42,210	160	310
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,260	2.5	3,830	2.9	3,620	2.9	- 570	- 360	131,610	132,090	124,780	- 480	6,830
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	570	3.2	680	3.8	690	4.1	- 110	- 120	17,810	17,720	16,720	90	1,090
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	250	5.3	250	5.4	260	5.7	0	- 10	4,740	4,660	4,600	80	140
County													
BELKNAP	400	1.5	570	2.0	630	2.5	- 170	- 230	26,970	28,160	25,200	-1,190	1,770
CARROLL	250	1.4	300	1.6	380	2.3	- 50	- 130	17,990	18,480	16,730	- 490	1,260
CHESHIRE	760	2.0	760	2.1	1,000	2.8	0	- 240	37,440	36,550	35,180	890	2,260
COOS	660	3.0	790	3.5	850	4.2	- 130	- 190	22,020	22,450	20,400	- 430	1,620
GRAFTON	630	1.6	790	1.9	870	2.4	- 160	- 240	39,770	40,570	36,910	- 800	2,860
HILLSBOROUGH	4,470	2.6	4,790	2.8	5,520	3.3	- 320	-1,050	170,480	168,140	169,320	-2,340	1,160
MERRIMACK	1,110	1.8	1,130	1.9	1,200	2.1	- 20	- 90	60,730	60,480	56,930	250	3,800
ROCKINGHAM	4,260	3.8	4,940	4.4	4,540	4.2	- 680	- 280	112,310	111,930	108,660	380	3,650
STRAFFORD	1,750	3.0	1,980	3.4	2,070	3.8	- 230	- 320	57,970	57,840	54,960	130	3,010
SULLIVAN	380	1.9	420	2.1	470	2.5	- 40	- 90	20,100	20,210	18,800	- 110	1,300

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

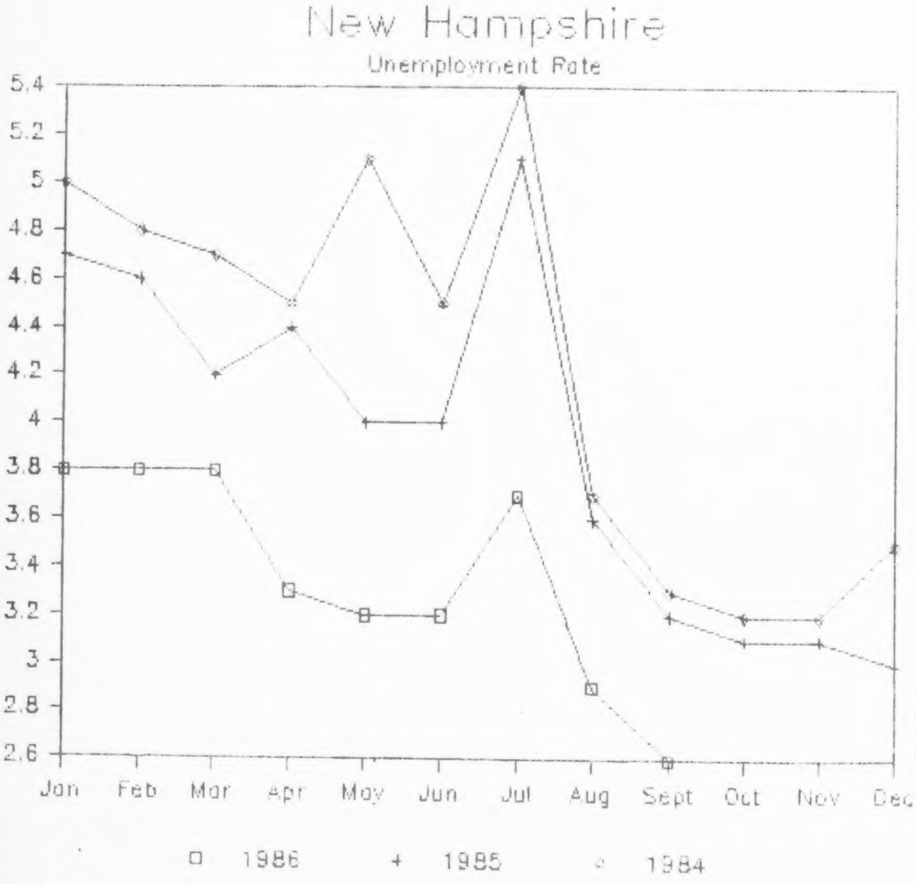
** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - September	324.9			
Percent change from year ago	1.4			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - September	330.2			
Percent change from year ago	1.8			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

Employment Changes in 1985

Average Employment and Percent Changes

from 1984 by County

County	Employment Changes from 1984			Percent Changes from 1984		
	Total	Mfg.	Nonmfg.	Total	Mfg.	Nonmfg.
New Hampshire	21,905	-885	22,790	5.8	-0.7	8.9
Belknap	741	-128	869	4.7	-2.9	7.6
Carroll	939	-105	1,044	9.2	-7.5	11.9
Cheshire	958	166	792	4.5	2.2	5.6
Coos	256	-13	269	2.5	-0.3	4.4
Grafton	1,883	0	1,883	6.8	0	8.9
Hillsborough	7,385	-515	7,900	5.3	-0.9	9.2
Merrimack	2,623	-87	2,710	7.3	-0.8	11.1
Rockingham	5,755	185	5,570	8.3	1.1	10.7
Strafford	788	-642	1,430	3.1	-5.9	10.0
Sullivan	600	252	348	6.0	5.4	6.4
Statewide*	-23	2	-25	-0.2	0.9	-0.2

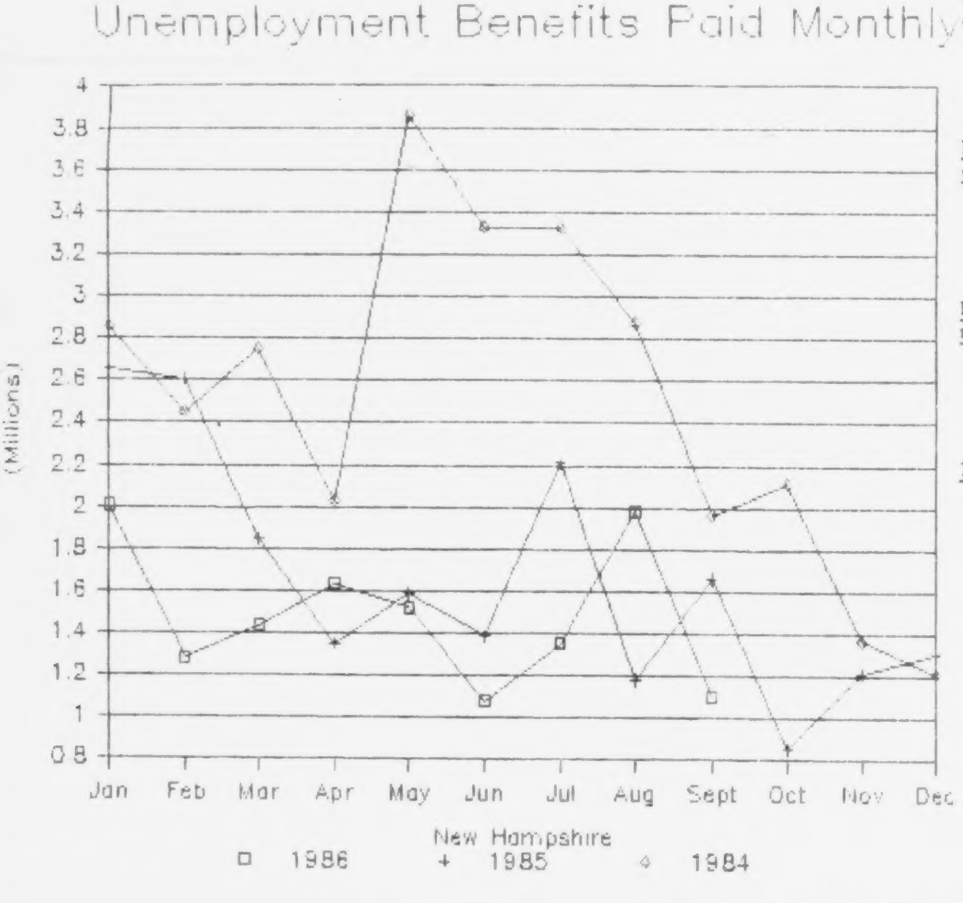
*Those units not assigned a specific location.

Based on reports submitted by employers covered by the N.H. Unemployment Compensation Law.

Weekly Claims Filed During September
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,621	11,981	11	26	11	28	24	38	14	27
Berlin	107	594	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	2
Claremont	197	419	0	0	1	9	1	0	0	0
Concord	148	482	2	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
Conway	26	102	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dover	558	2,135	3	5	2	10	3	4	6	3
Keene	132	497	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0
Laconia	132	376	0	2	3	2	2	5	1	0
Lebanon	29	195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	66	271	0	3	1	0	1	3	0	0
Manchester	401	1,476	2	0	0	0	7	11	1	3
Nashua	218	1,073	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	0
Portsmouth	308	2,077	1	2	0	0	6	7	2	3
Salem	87	427	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	212	1,857	2	4	0	1	0	0	3	16

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $124.87



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$135,806,481.34

Net contributions received during month:

$ 102,582.15

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,106,355.33

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
All manufacturing	$367.88	$359.57	$345.63	41.9	41.0	41.0	$8.78	$8.77	$8.43
Durable goods	379.26	369.41	358.39	42.0	41.0	41.1	9.03	9.01	8.72
Lumber & wood prods.	292.13	287.34	256.62	40.8	40.7	39.0	7.16	7.06	6.58
Furniture & fixtures	285.98	290.80	286.34	39.5	40.0	40.5	7.24	7.27	7.07
Stone & clay prods.	351.96	353.62	334.40	41.9	41.7	41.8	8.40	8.48	8.00
Primary metal prods.	405.84	393.13	390.58	44.5	42.5	42.5	9.12	9.25	9.19
Fab. metal prods.	360.09	344.84	332.91	41.2	39.5	40.5	8.74	8.73	8.22
Mach. (exc. elec.)	405.03	400.90	389.30	42.5	42.2	43.4	9.53	9.50	8.97
Electrical prods.	409.34	389.54	377.45	42.2	40.2	39.9	9.70	9.69	9.46
Miscellaneous prods.	288.55	271.83	259.49	39.8	39.0	38.5	7.25	6.97	6.74
Other durables	369.67	369.93	372.45	42.2	41.8	41.2	8.76	8.85	9.04
Nondurable goods	344.45	339.90	321.50	41.6	41.1	40.8	8.28	8.27	7.88
Food & kindred prods.	397.00	387.86	378.92	42.1	41.0	40.7	9.43	9.46	9.31
Textile mill prods.	324.75	318.22	291.75	43.3	42.6	41.5	7.50	7.47	7.03
Apparel	236.01	228.86	206.45	38.5	38.4	36.8	6.13	5.96	5.61
Paper & allied prods.	474.77	484.52	451.09	47.1	48.5	48.4	10.08	9.99	9.32
Print., pub. & allied	357.98	359.57	324.62	39.6	39.6	39.3	9.04	9.08	8.26
Leather & lea. prods.	216.59	207.72	201.66	37.8	36.7	36.8	5.73	5.66	5.48
Footwear	205.47	196.18	191.46	37.7	36.6	36.4	5.45	5.36	5.26
Other nondurables	362.46	353.68	354.38	42.0	40.7	41.4	8.63	8.69	8.56

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 54%

Total Production Workers: 81,600

Firms Reporting: 346

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
All manufacturing	$370.13	$363.30	$332.43	42.3	42.0	40.1	$8.75	$8.65	$8.29
Durable goods	384.29	375.47	355.91	41.1	40.2	39.9	9.35	9.34	8.92
Mach. & elec. prods.	385.29	365.20	358.20	42.2	40.0	39.8	9.13	9.13	9.00
Other durables	382.88	387.84	351.52	39.8	40.4	39.9	9.62	9.60	8.81
Nondurable goods	347.60	344.64	299.70	44.0	44.7	40.5	7.90	7.71	7.40
Textiles & apparel	337.25	342.87	275.60	44.2	45.9	40.0	7.63	7.47	6.89
Other nondurables	352.44	345.98	307.75	44.0	44.3	40.6	8.01	7.81	7.58

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 48%

Total Production Workers: 10,750

Firms Reporting: 41

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
All manufacturing	$423.05	$404.64	$408.12	40.6	39.4	41.1	$10.42	$10.27	$ 9.93
Durable goods	432.72	408.58	417.66	40.9	39.4	41.6	10.58	10.37	10.04
Mach. & elec. prods.	454.40	424.84	450.43	40.0	38.0	41.4	11.36	11.18	10.88
Other durables	381.41	368.51	340.23	43.0	43.0	41.9	8.87	8.57	8.12
Nondurable goods	386.10	392.24	370.99	39.6	39.7	39.3	9.75	9.88	9.44

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 63%

Total Production Workers: 20,800

Firms Reporting: 69

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending September 30, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,114	4,305	1,290	713	721	324
Prof., Tech. (00-) Managerial (19)	1,627	568	183	66	206	65
Clerical (20-24)	1,784	1,520	256	210	138	108
Sales (25-29)	474	233	73	33	52	30
Services (3)	1,365	881	231	162	70	34
Farm (4)	76	17	6	1	4	1
Processing (5)	138	53	17	6	14	5
Machine Trade (6)	733	197	103	46	53	10
Benchwork (7)	813	567	157	130	66	43
Structural (8)	1,348	75	136	15	55	4
Miscellaneous (9)	730	179	124	41	53	17
Unclassified	26	15	4	3	10	7

Employment Service Activity

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 1,160 from mid-September to mid-October. The latest total of 13,650 unemployed represents 2.4 percent of the civilian labor force of 563,640. A year ago there were 17,030 unemployed and the rate was 3.1 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.6 percent in October, 6.8 percent in September, and 6.8 percent a year ago. The latest data available for all states (September 1986) indicates New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for fourteen consecutive months. Nine areas posted unemployment decreases in October with the Salem area posting the largest drop with 420 fewer unemployed. Three areas, Claremont, Berlin, and Littleton recorded slight unemployment increases as layoffs occurred in trade and services in the north country and in machinery in the Claremont area. Overall, manufacturing employment was up from September as both durable and nondurable industries posted gains. Unemployment rates ranged from a high of 4.6 percent in the Salem area to a low of 1.5 percent in both the Concord and Laconia areas. Compared to the year ago level, all labor market areas but one experienced decreased unemployment. It should be noted that the current lack of available labor has curtailed the number of hours some businesses, particularly fast food operations, have been open for business.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 950 workers from September, but is up 15,050 from a year ago. Manufacturing lost 2,750 jobs during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 17,800. In manufacturing, electrical products lost 800 jobs while in nonmanufacturing, services gained 6,200, trade 3,950, finance, insurance, and real estate 2,750, and construction 2,450.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 160 from September as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.2 to 2.0 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.5 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 850 workers from September and by 800 from a year ago. While manufacturing lost 1,150 jobs during the year, nonmanufacturing gained 1,950. Machinery and electrical products is down 800 in the manufacturing division, services, and finance, insurance, and real estate are both up 650 in the nonmanufacturing division.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 190 from September as the rate dropped from 2.9 to 2.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.4 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 350 from September and by 1,300 from a year ago. Manufacturing gained 300 jobs during the year and nonmanufacturing gained 1,000. Machinery and electrical products is up 100 workers and trade is up 550.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Month	Year	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Month	Year	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	563,640	565,920	546,000	-2,280	17,640	81,120	80,620	82,060	500	-940	89,440	88,970	89,780	470	-340
2. Unemployment	13,650	14,810	17,030	-1,160	- 3,380	1,600	1,760	2,070	-160	-470	2,420	2,610	3,040	-190	-620
Percent of labor force	2.4	2.6	3.1	xxx	xxx	2.0	2.2	2.5	xxx	xxx	2.7	2.9	3.4	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	549,640	550,760	528,920	-1,120	20,720	79,520	78,860	79,990	660	-470	87,020	86,360	86,740	660	280
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	50	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	494,450	495,400	479,400	-950	15,050	81,800	80,950	81,000	850	800	85,250	84,900	83,950	350	1,300
Manufacturing	119,500	118,950	122,250	550	-2,750	14,300	14,250	15,450	50	-1,150	36,300	36,400	36,000	-100	300
Durable goods	82,050	81,850	83,150	200	-1,100	8,550	8,600	9,300	-50	-750	30,000	30,150	29,900	-150	100
Lumber & wood prods.	5,800	5,750	5,700	50	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,600	1,650	100	50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0										
Primary metal prods.	*4,000	*3,950	4,250	50	-250										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,800	6,850	7,150	- 50	-350	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,400	25,250	25,500	150	-100	4,900	4,950	5,700	-50	-800	22,650	22,700	22,550	- 50	100
Electrical prods.	23,850	23,800	24,650	50	-800										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	-200										
Other durables	9,300	9,450	8,850	-150	450	3,650	3,650	3,600	0	50	7,350	7,450	7,350	-100	0
Nondurable goods	37,450	37,100	39,100	350	-1,650	5,750	5,650	6,150	100	-400	6,300	6,250	6,100	50	200
Food & kindred prods.	3,450	3,400	3,100	50	350										
Textile mill prods.	3,700	3,600	3,650	100	50	1,450	1,450	1,550	0	-100					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,550	0	-150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,350	5,400	5,500	-50	-150										
Print., pub. & allied	7,250	7,150	7,250	100	0										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,150	5,050	5,950	100	-800										
Other nondurables	10,150	10,100	11,100	50	-950	4,300	4,200	4,600	100	-300					
Nonmanufacturing	374,950	376,450	357,150	-1,500	17,800	67,500	66,700	65,550	800	1,950	48,950	48,500	47,950	450	1,000
Construction (inc. min.)	39,050	39,000	36,600	50	2,450	5,750	5,600	5,350	150	400	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Trans., comm. & util.	16,100	16,050	15,800	50	300	5,000	5,000	4,850	0	150	2,150	2,200	2,200	- 50	-50
Trade	121,150	121,350	*117,200	-200	3,950	21,400	21,000	21,400	400	0	18,200	18,000	17,650	200	550
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,300	28,200	25,550	100	2,750	7,800	7,800	7,150	0	650	2,750	2,750	2,700	0	50
Service industry & other	108,300	110,100	102,100	-1,800	6,200	19,850	19,750	19,200	100	650	15,550	15,300	15,600	250	-50
Government	62,050	61,750	59,900	300	2,150	7,700	7,550	7,600	150	100	6,300	6,150	5,800	150	500
Federal	8,250	8,100	7,800	150	450	2,450	2,400	2,250	50	200	800	750	750	50	50
State	16,400	16,400	16,850	0	-450	800	800	800	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,400	37,250	35,250	150	2,150	4,450	4,350	4,550	100	-100	5,250	5,150	4,800	100	450

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:
* Sept. & Oct. 1986-Industry 33-350 Workers on Strike not included
* Oct. 1985-Industry 51-50 Workers on Strike not included

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

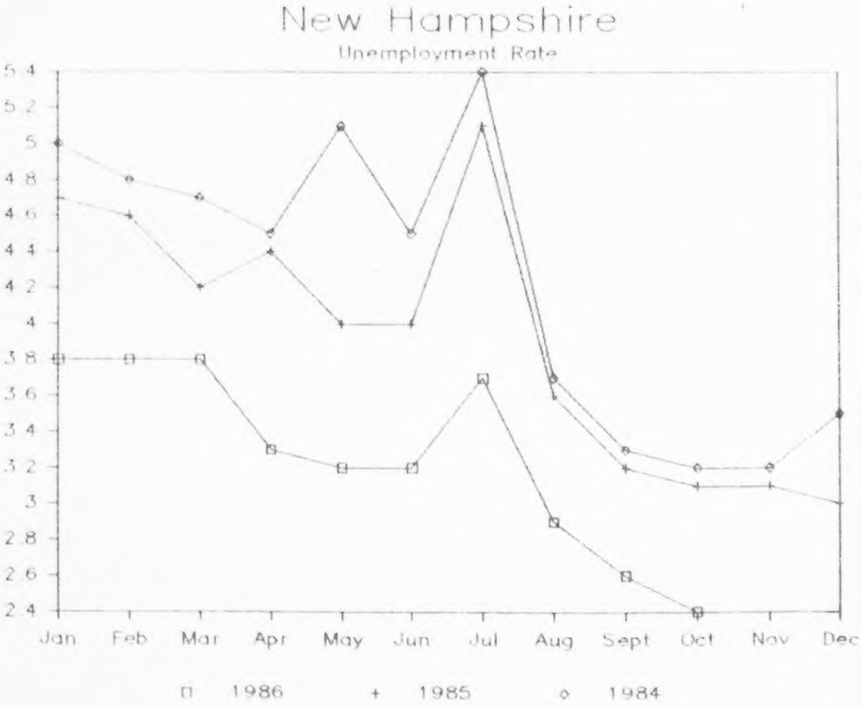
	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	October	1986	September	1986	October	1985	Numerical Change From Previous		October 1986	September 1986	October 1985	Numerical Change From Previous	
Area	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,842	6.6	8,015	6.8	7,917	6.8	-173	-75	118,699	110,857	116,346	7,842	2,353
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,650	2.4	14,810	2.6	17,030	3.1	-1,160	-3,380	563,640	565,920	546,000	-2,280	17,640
BERLIN LMA	690	2.6	650	2.5	770	3.2	40	-80	26,090	26,380	24,200	-290	1,890
CLAREMONT LMA	710	1.8	650	1.7	820	2.2	60	-110	39,480	38,800	36,980	680	2,500
CONCORD LMA	800	1.5	920	1.8	1,070	2.2	-120	-270	52,090	51,120	48,750	970	3,340
KEENE LMA	700	1.7	830	2.0	1,040	2.6	-130	-340	41,880	41,830	40,060	50	1,820
LACONIA LMA	750	1.5	820	1.6	1,210	2.5	-70	-460	51,560	52,870	48,820	-1,310	2,740
LITTLETON LMA	420	2.4	380	2.1	380	2.3	40	40	17,860	18,200	16,540	-340	1,320
MANCHESTER MSA	1,600	2.0	1,760	2.2	2,070	2.5	-160	-470	80,120	80,620	82,060	500	-940
NASHUA PMSA	2,420	2.7	2,610	2.9	3,040	3.4	-190	-620	89,440	88,970	89,780	470	-340
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	1,940	4.6	2,360	5.5	2,570	6.0	-420	-630	42,570	42,550	42,790	20	-220
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,190	2.5	3,280	2.5	3,390	2.8	-90	-200	128,160	131,630	122,500	-3,470	5,660
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	570	3.2	580	3.3	710	4.3	-10	60	17,560	17,820	16,630	-260	930
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	190	4.0	260	5.5	240	5.2	-70	-50	4,720	4,750	4,620	- 30	100
County													
BELKNAP	400	1.5	400	1.5	600	2.4	0	-200	26,400	26,970	24,960	-570	1,440
CARROLL	250	1.4	260	1.4	340	2.1	-10	-90	17,680	18,000	16,540	-320	1,140
CHESHIRE	650	1.7	760	2.0	950	2.6	-110	-300	37,480	37,440	35,850	40	1,630
COOS	710	3.3	670	3.0	730	3.6	40	-20	21,760	22,030	20,160	-270	1,600
GRAFTON	640	1.6	630	1.6	850	2.3	10	-210	39,500	39,770	37,060	-270	2,440
HILLSBOROUGH	4,080	2.4	4,520	2.7	5,260	3.1	-440	-1,180	171,350	170,530	171,550	820	-200
MERRIMACK	950	1.5	1,120	1.8	1,300	2.2	-170	-350	61,350	60,740	58,070	610	3,280
ROCKINGHAM	3,760	3.4	4,310	3.8	4,640	4.3	-550	-880	111,110	112,360	108,720	-1,250	2,390
STRAFFORD	1,740	3.1	1,760	3.0	1,870	3.5	-20	-130	56,500	57,980	53,910	-1,480	2,590
SULLIVAN	470	2.3	380	1.9	490	2.6	90	-20	20,510	20,100	19,180	410	1,330

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - October	325.0			
Percent change from year ago	1.2			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - October	330.5			
Percent change from year ago	1.5			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE
1980-1985

		AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT					
SIC	INDUSTRY	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
50-59	Trade	85,431	88,943	88,460	94,098	104,616	111,709
50	Wholesale Trade-Durable	9,105	9,898	9,459	10,191	11,233	12,394
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable	6,380	6,608	6,335	6,373	6,794	6,877
52	Building Materials	3,628	3,595	3,518	3,623	3,965	4,376
53	Retail-General	8,326	8,455	8,035	8,779	9,400	10,120
54	Retail-Food	13,740	14,789	14,999	15,648	17,363	18,448
55	Retail-Automobile	7,850	7,946	7,961	8,199	9,413	10,116
56	Retail-Apparel	3,950	3,980	3,967	4,269	4,557	4,876
57	Retail-Furniture	2,554	2,552	2,595	2,844	3,388	3,880
58	Retail-Eat & Drink	20,100	20,866	21,309	23,351	26,848	28,037
59	Retail-Miscellaneous	9,798	10,254	10,282	10,821	11,655	12,585

Number of Employing Units* In Wholesale and Retail Trade

50-59	Trade	7,583	7,902	8,050	8,264	9,012	9,349

* Establishments Covered By The NH Unemployment Compensation Law

Weekly Claims Filed During October 1986
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,748	11,544	12	24	12	24	23	43	19	36
Berlin	172	620	0	2	3	2	0	2	0	0
Claremont	166	498	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Concord	122	457	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	1
Conway	45	214	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dover	410	1,997	0	4	3	2	4	13	5	9
Keene	108	368	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	0
Laconia	140	342	2	2	1	15	2	7	0	0
Lebanon	37	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	203	357	4	3	1	2	2	5	1	0
Manchester	371	1,550	1	3	0	0	6	7	2	2
Nashua	292	888	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	1
Portsmouth	335	1,982	0	0	1	0	2	7	5	14
Salem	117	428	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Liable Interstate	230	1,772	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	9

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $125.71

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$137,199,017.37

Net contributions received during month:

$ 2,824,679.64

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,432,143.61

Interest Received:

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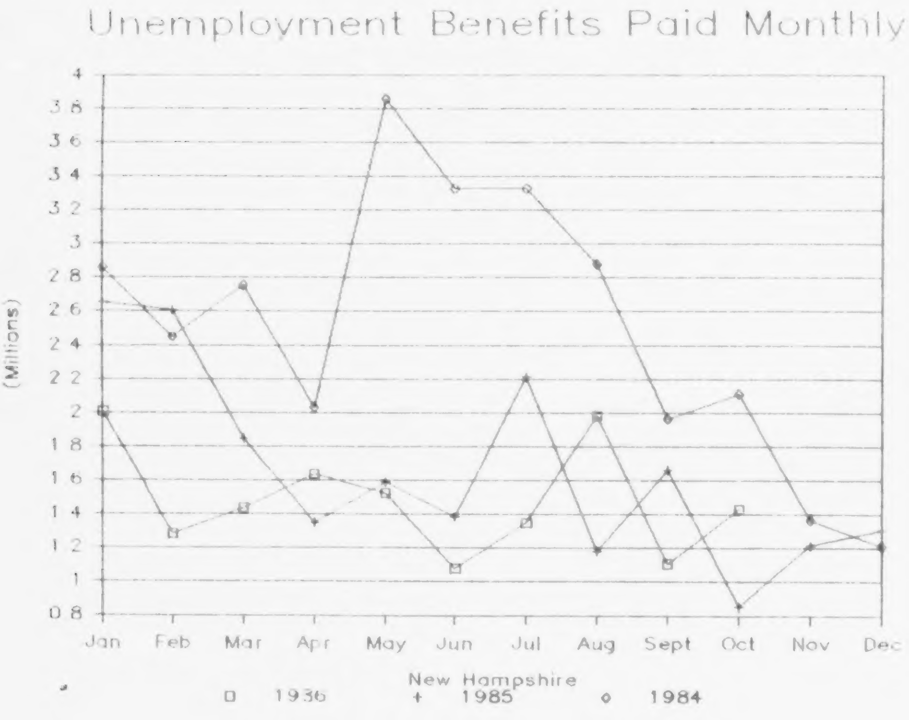

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
All manufacturing	$363.32	$366.54	$347.24	41.1	41.7	40.9	$8.84	$8.79	$8.49
Durable goods	374.59	378.78	358.69	41.3	41.9	40.9	9.07	9.04	8.77
Lumber & wood prods.	285.82	293.25	257.15	40.2	40.9	39.5	7.11	7.17	6.51
Furniture & fixtures	276.05	286.70	282.27	38.5	39.6	39.7	7.17	7.24	7.11
Stone & clay prods.	353.22	354.90	336.00	41.9	42.1	42.0	8.43	8.43	8.00
Primary metal prods.	395.23	405.82	393.64	43.1	44.4	42.1	9.17	9.14	9.35
Fab. metal prods.	348.08	355.52	334.14	39.6	40.4	40.6	8.79	8.80	8.23
Mach. (exc. elec.)	402.55	404.27	386.57	43.1	42.6	43.0	9.34	9.49	8.99
Electrical prods.	400.98	407.13	380.33	41.0	41.8	39.7	9.78	9.74	9.58
Miscellaneous prods.	286.04	284.47	261.51	39.4	39.4	38.8	7.26	7.22	6.74
Other durables	376.58	371.39	372.81	40.8	42.3	40.7	9.23	8.78	9.16
Nondurable goods	338.99	343.21	324.36	40.5	41.4	40.8	8.37	8.29	7.95
Food & kindred prods.	377.30	392.92	375.84	38.5	41.8	40.5	9.80	9.40	9.28
Textile mill prods.	321.75	321.96	294.35	42.9	43.1	41.4	7.50	7.47	7.11
Apparel	233.46	236.01	209.60	37.9	38.5	36.2	6.16	6.13	5.79
Paper & allied prods.	482.83	474.83	448.86	47.9	47.2	47.7	10.08	10.06	9.41
Print., pub. & allied	352.51	357.98	329.33	38.4	39.6	39.3	9.18	9.04	8.38
Leather & lea. prods.	209.07	213.49	202.21	35.8	37.0	36.9	5.84	5.77	5.48
Footwear	195.71	201.48	192.52	35.2	36.7	36.6	5.56	5.49	5.26
Other nondurables	358.03	362.44	362.82	41.2	41.9	41.8	8.69	8.65	8.68

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 55%

Total Production Workers: 82,350

Firms Reporting: 358

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
All manufacturing	$368.21	$373.93	$332.64	41.7	42.3	39.6	$8.83	$8.84	$8.40
Durable goods	383.54	386.91	352.29	40.5	40.9	39.1	9.47	9.46	9.01
Mach. & elec. prods.	388.86	391.02	353.72	41.5	42.0	38.7	9.37	9.31	9.14
Other durables	377.67	383.11	349.27	39.3	39.7	39.6	9.61	9.65	8.82
Nondurable goods	343.73	352.63	304.21	43.4	44.3	40.4	7.92	7.96	7.53
Textiles & apparel	335.38	341.41	272.25	45.2	45.4	39.4	7.42	7.52	6.91
Other nondurables	347.54	357.35	315.02	42.8	43.9	40.7	8.12	8.14	7.74

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 60%

Total Production Workers: 10,750

Firms Reporting: 46

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
All manufacturing	$428.79	$418.37	$415.74	40.3	40.5	41.0	$10.64	$10.33	$10.14
Durable goods	439.01	426.13	426.62	40.8	40.7	41.5	10.76	10.47	10.28
Mach. & elec. prods.	458.34	446.56	456.74	40.1	39.8	41.0	11.43	11.22	11.14
Other durables	389.58	377.90	355.73	42.3	42.7	42.5	9.21	8.85	8.37
Nondurable goods	392.18	387.47	374.75	38.6	39.7	39.2	10.16	9.76	9.56

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 59%

Total Production Workers: 20,500

Firms Reporting: 73

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending October 31, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL						
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	8,428	3,953	1,227	673	1,350	563
Managerial (18,19)	1,483	503	162	60	322	102
Clerical (20-24)	1,568	1,338	223	189	271	227
Sales (25-29)	435	209	76	40	37	18
Services (3)	1,313	864	201	147	154	89
Farm (4)	74	18	9	2	6	3
Processing (5)	129	50	26	13	10	3
Machine Trade (6)	689	184	89	14	112	25
Benchwork (7)	772	534	162	132	75	50
Structural (8)	1,230	77	153	16	278	20
Miscellaneous (9)	705	166	124	33	83	25
Unclassified	21	10	2	1	2	1

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	October 1986	September 1986	July 1, 1986 TO October 31, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,447	2,562	11,561
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,621	2,469	11,117
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,590	2,618	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,091	1,146	4,659

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

NOVEMBER

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Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 3,050 workers from October, but is up 11,700 from the year ago level. While nonmanufacturing gained 15,450 jobs during the year, manufacturing lost 3,750. Electrical products lost 900, machinery 850, and fabricated metals 550. In nonmanufacturing, services gained 5,850, trade 3,600, finance, insurance and real estate 2,650, and construction 2,200 jobs.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 190 from October as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.0 to 1.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.6 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 350 from October and by 1,050 from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing gained 2,200 jobs during the year while manufacturing lost 1,050. While machinery and electrical products is down 750 jobs in the manufacturing division, services is up 750 and construction 650 in nonmanufacturing.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 260 from October as the rate dropped from 2.7 to 2.4 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased only slightly from October, but is up 1,400 from a year ago. Manufacturing lost 200 jobs during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 1,600. Machinery and electrical products is down 400 workers in the manufacturing division, while in nonmanufacturing trade is up 600, services 250, and construction 200.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	559,220	562,750	552,390	-3,530	6,830	81,720	81,130	83,730	590	-2,010	89,960	89,450	90,890	510	-930
2. Unemployment	13,970	13,640	17,100	330	-3,130	1,410	1,600	2,010	-190	- 600	2,160	2,420	2,990	-260	-830
Percent of labor force	2.5	2.4	3.1	xxx	xxx	1.7	2.0	2.6	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.7	3.3	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	544,900	548,760	535,290	-3,860	9,610	80,310	80,530	81,720	780	-1,410	87,800	87,030	87,900	770	-100
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	492,100	495,150	480,400	-3,050	11,700	82,400	82,050	81,350	350	1,050	85,750	85,700	84,350	50	1,400
Manufacturing	119,150	119,700	122,900	- 550	-3,750	14,200	14,250	15,350	- 50	-1,150	36,150	36,450	36,350	-300	-200
Durable goods	81,550	82,200	83,600	- 650	-2,050	8,500	8,550	9,250	- 50	- 750	29,850	30,100	30,300	-250	-450
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,800	5,800	- 50	- 50										
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,700	1,700	- 50	- 50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,050	3,100	3,100	- 50	- 50										
Primary metal prods.	*4,400	*4,350	4,250	50	150										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,800	7,200	- 150	- 550	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,950	25,150	25,800	- 200	- 850	4,800	4,900	5,550	-100	- 750	22,550	22,750	22,950	-200	-400
Electrical prods.	23,600	23,850	24,500	- 250	- 900										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,100	2,300	50	- 150										
Other durables	9,350	9,350	8,950	0	400	3,700	3,650	3,700	50	0	7,300	7,350	7,350	- 50	- 50
Nondurable goods	37,600	37,500	39,300	100	-1,700	5,700	5,700	6,100	0	- 400	6,300	6,350	6,050	- 50	250
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300										
Textile mill prods.	3,650	3,700	3,700	- 50	- 50	1,500	1,450	1,550	50	- 50					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100										
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,400	5,550	- 100	- 250										
Print., pub. & allied	7,350	7,300	7,300	50	50										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,300	5,150	6,100	150	- 800										
Other nondurables	10,200	10,150	11,050	50	- 850	4,200	4,250	4,550	- 50	- 350					
Nonmanufacturing	372,950	375,450	357,500	-2,500	-15,450	68,200	67,800	66,000	400	2,200	49,600	49,250	48,000	350	1,600
Construction (inc. min.)	38,000	39,050	35,800	-1,050	2,200	6,000	6,100	5,350	-100	650	4,200	4,150	4,000	50	200
Trans., comm. & util.	16,100	16,100	15,800	0	300	5,050	5,000	4,900	50	150	2,200	2,150	2,200	50	0
Trade	121,850	121,150	118,250	700	3,600	21,600	21,400	21,700	200	- 100	18,600	18,300	18,000	300	600
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,350	28,300	25,700	50	2,650	7,800	7,800	7,150	0	650	2,750	2,750	2,700	0	50
Service industry & other	106,350	108,800	100,500	-2,450	5,850	19,950	19,800	19,200	150	750	15,450	15,600	15,200	-150	250
Government	62,300	62,050	61,450	250	850	7,800	7,700	7,700	100	100	6,400	6,300	5,900	100	500
Federal	8,200	8,250	7,800	- 50	400	2,450	2,450	2,300	0	150	800	800	750	0	50
State	16,400	16,400	17,100	0	- 700	750	800	800	- 50	- 50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,700	37,400	36,550	300	1,150	4,600	4,450	4,600	150	0	5,350	5,250	4,900	100	450

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment Benchmark

Labor Disputes:

* October & November 1986 - Industry 33-350 Workers on Strike Not Included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	November 1986		October 1986		November 1985		Numerical Change From Previous		November 1986	October 1986	November 1985	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,872	6.6	7,842	6.6	7,815	6.7	30	57	118,623	118,699	116,097	-76	2,526
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,970	2.5	13,640	2.4	17,100	3.1	330	-3,130	559,220	562,750	552,390	-3,530	6,830
BERLIN LMA	920	3.7	690	2.6	1,040	4.3	230	-120	24,970	26,080	24,080	-1,110	890
CLAREMONT LMA	1,010	2.6	710	1.8	770	2.1	300	240	39,550	39,460	37,330	90	2,220
CONCORD LMA	820	1.6	790	1.5	1,080	2.2	30	-260	51,310	51,510	50,020	- 200	1,290
KEENE LMA	840	2.0	700	1.7	940	2.3	140	-100	41,830	41,850	40,990	- 20	840
LACONIA LMA	930	1.9	750	1.5	1,090	2.2	180	-160	50,030	51,370	48,950	-1,340	1,080
LITTLETON LMA	580	3.5	420	2.4	850	5.3	160	-270	16,540	17,820	16,110	-1,280	430
MANCHESTER MSA	1,410	1.7	1,600	2.0	2,010	2.6	-190	-600	81,720	81,130	83,730	590	-2,010
NASHUA PMSA	2,160	2.4	2,420	2.7	2,990	3.3	-260	-830	89,960	89,450	90,890	510	- 930
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,020	4.7	1,940	4.6	2,410	5.6	80	-390	43,100	42,570	43,290	530	- 190
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,940	2.3	3,190	2.5	3,460	2.8	-250	-520	126,530	128,130	123,680	-1,600	2,850
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	530	3.0	570	3.2	630	3.8	- 40	-100	17,470	17,550	16,690	- 80	780
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	190	4.0	190	4.0	230	4.9	0	- 40	4,750	4,720	4,710	30	40
County													
BELKNAP	480	1.9	400	1.5	570	2.3	80	- 90	25,640	26,300	25,080	- 660	560
CARROLL	330	1.9	250	1.4	370	2.2	80	- 40	17,040	17,650	16,490	- 610	550
CHESHIRE	790	2.1	650	1.7	860	2.3	140	- 70	37,450	37,460	36,680	- 10	770
COOS	920	4.4	710	3.3	1,080	5.4	210	-160	20,710	21,740	20,040	-1,030	670
GRAFTON	830	2.2	640	1.6	1,110	3.0	190	-280	38,150	39,420	36,860	-1,270	1,290
HILLSBOROUGH	3,670	2.1	4,080	2.4	5,150	3.0	-410	-1,480	172,230	171,300	174,380	930	-2,150
MERRIMACK	960	1.6	940	1.5	1,240	2.1	20	- 280	60,470	60,840	59,250	- 370	1,220
ROCKINGHAM	3,700	3.3	3,760	3.4	4,550	4.1	- 60	- 850	111,110	111,060	110,020	50	1,090
STRAFFORD	1,530	2.7	1,740	3.1	1,710	3.2	-210	- 180	55,740	56,480	54,240	- 740	1,500
SULLIVAN	760	3.7	470	2.3	460	2.4	290	300	20,680	20,500	19,350	180	1,330

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

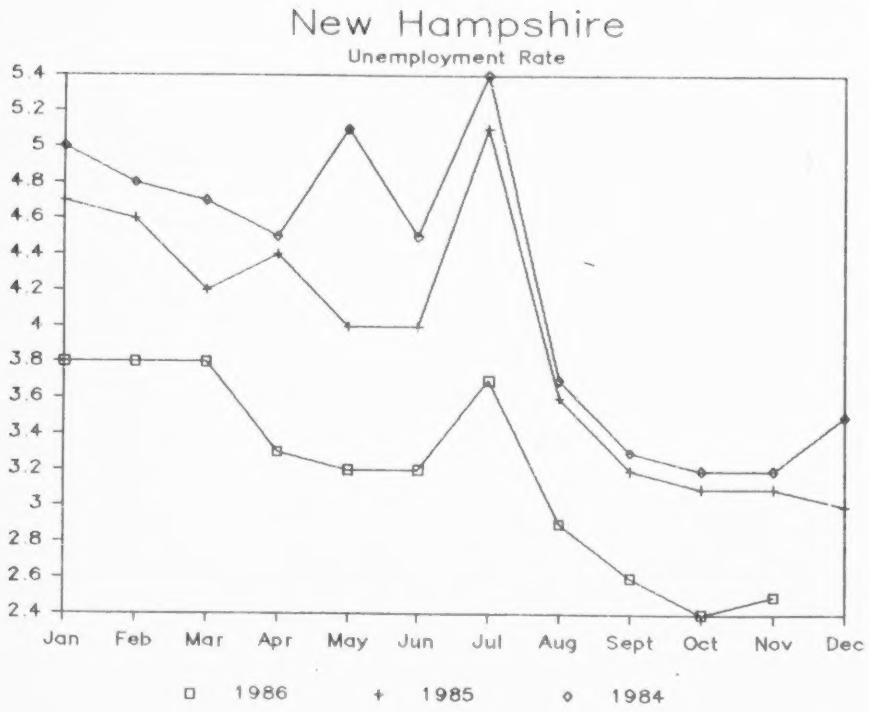
** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month -	325.4			
Percent change from year ago	0.9			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month -	330.8			
Percent change from year ago	1.3			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

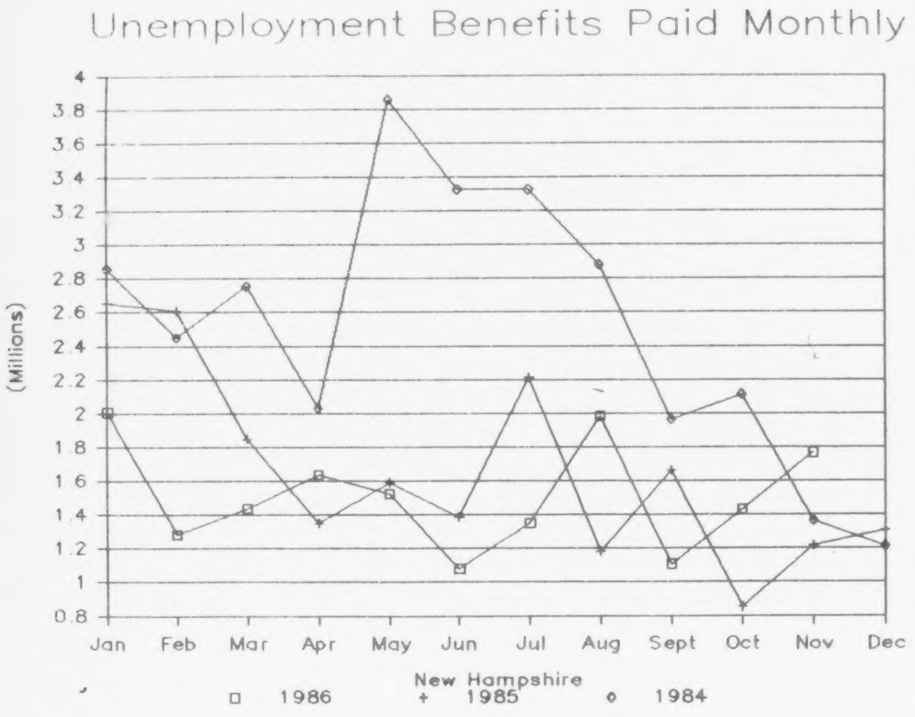
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE
THE FIFTEEN SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF WORKERS IN 1985

RANK	OES CODE	OCCUPATIONAL TITLE	EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	49011	Salespersons, Retail	13,967	12.2
2	49023	Cashiers	10,895	9.5
3	65008	Waiters and Waitresses	10,307	9.0
4	49021	Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	8,906	7.8
5	19005	General Managers and Top Executives	6,320	5.5
6	65041	Combined Food Preparation and Service Workers	3,074	2.7
7	55338	Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	2,783	2.4
8	65038	Food Preparation Workers	2,457	2.1
9	49008	Sales Representatives, Except Scientific & Related Products	2,345	2.0
10	55347	General Office Clerks	2,228	2.0
11	65026	Cooks, Restaurant	2,137	1.9
12	65017	Counter Attendants-Lunchroom, Coffee Shop, or Cafeteria	2,119	1.9
13	65032	Cooks, Specialty Fast Food	2,033	1.8
14	41002	First Line Supervisors and Manager/Supervisors-Sales and Related Occupations	1,960	1.7
15	85302	Automotive Mechanics	1,911	1.7

Weekly Claims Filed During November
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,619	10,261	21	146	9	10	24	40	23	25
Berlin	179	725	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	2
Claremont	309	680	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
Concord	120	368	11	108	1	2	0	0	2	0
Conway	51	146	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dover	322	1,539	0	3	1	0	3	16	6	10
Keene	169	481	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	0
Laconia	189	459	1	2	1	0	3	8	0	0
Lebanon	55	185	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Littleton	116	492	7	14	0	0	1	1	2	1
Manchester	308	1,112	0	4	1	0	3	3	2	2
Nashua	210	779	0	0	2	4	2	0	1	0
Portsmouth	268	1,595	1	0	1	0	6	8	4	7
Salem	104	348	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	219	1,352	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	3

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $119.85



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$139,941,273.94

Net contributions received during month:

$ 1,300,538.51

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,766,719.76

Interest Received:

3,208,437.82

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$375.06	$364.21	$353.87	42.0	41.2	41.1	$ 8.93	$8.84	$8.61
Durable goods	388.74	376.33	367.22	42.3	41.4	41.4	9.19	9.09	8.87
Lumber & wood prods.	292.03	288.55	256.58	40.9	40.3	38.7	7.14	7.16	6.63
Furniture & fixtures	302.33	276.05	272.74	41.7	38.5	39.3	7.25	7.17	6.94
Stone & clay prods.	359.54	353.22	344.03	42.2	41.9	41.4	8.52	8.43	8.31
Primary metal prods.	432.35	419.64	415.53	45.8	44.5	44.3	9.44	9.43	9.38
Fab. metal prods.	345.42	347.69	341.54	38.0	39.6	41.1	9.09	8.78	8.31
Mach. (exc. elec.)	423.31	404.92	401.65	44.7	43.4	43.8	9.47	9.33	9.17
Electrical prods.	413.97	400.66	388.73	41.9	40.8	40.2	9.88	9.82	9.67
Miscellaneous prods.	290.97	281.97	253.88	40.3	39.0	37.5	7.22	7.23	6.77
Other durables	387.58	374.95	378.07	41.9	40.8	41.5	9.25	9.19	9.11
Nondurable goods	347.33	340.27	329.27	41.3	40.8	40.6	8.41	8.34	8.11
Food & kindred prods.	447.69	377.74	407.88	42.8	40.4	41.2	10.46	9.35	9.90
Textile mill prods.	308.84	320.14	287.34	41.4	42.8	40.7	7.46	7.48	7.06
Apparel	237.70	233.46	211.48	38.4	37.9	36.4	6.19	6.16	5.81
Paper & allied prods.	495.23	484.37	459.36	48.6	48.1	47.8	10.19	10.07	9.61
Print., pub. & allied	362.00	357.88	339.72	40.0	38.9	38.3	9.05	9.20	8.87
Leather & lea. prods.	215.97	209.07	204.98	37.3	35.8	37.0	5.79	5.84	5.54
Footwear	203.69	195.71	194.71	36.9	35.2	36.6	5.52	5.56	5.32
Other nondurables	360.14	359.77	364.46	41.3	41.4	41.7	8.72	8.69	8.74

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 82,150

Firms Reporting: 345

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$367.22	$368.63	$342.19	41.4	41.7	40.4	$8.87	$8.84	$8.47
Durable goods	384.46	383.26	359.50	40.3	40.6	39.9	9.54	9.44	9.01
Mach. & elec. prods.	400.37	388.86	370.37	42.1	41.5	40.7	9.51	9.37	9.10
Other durables	365.57	375.88	345.82	38.2	39.4	38.9	9.57	9.54	8.89
Nondurable goods	341.78	346.33	316.42	43.1	43.4	41.2	7.93	7.98	7.68
Textiles & apparel	318.56	332.55	273.34	43.4	45.0	39.5	7.34	7.39	6.92
Other nondurables	350.45	351.39	330.64	43.0	42.8	41.8	8.15	8.21	7.91

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 5,681

Firms Reporting: 43

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$441.42	$424.27	$423.54	42.0	40.6	41.2	$10.51	$10.45	$10.26
Durable goods	445.42	432.07	429.51	42.1	40.8	41.7	10.58	10.59	10.30
Mach. & elec. prods.	473.41	452.53	464.92	41.6	39.8	41.4	11.38	11.37	11.23
Other durables	382.77	391.68	348.93	43.3	42.9	42.5	8.84	9.13	8.21
Nondurable goods	422.89	392.03	394.60	41.5	39.8	38.8	10.19	9.85	10.17

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 60%

Total Production Workers: 20,890

Firms Reporting: 73

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending November 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	8,697	3,920	1,161	583	664	271
Managerial (00,19)	1,450	492	139	52	191	53
Clerical (20-24)	1,616	1,354	211	179	138	107
Sales (25-29)	445	209	77	35	33	11
Services (3)	1,361	883	200	136	55	25
Farm (4)	93	18	9	2	6	1
Processing (5)	148	49	24	8	12	2
Machine Trade (6)	767	162	72	27	44	9
Benchwork (7)	722	484	125	91	62	40
Structural (8)	1,330	83	169	15	71	7
Miscellaneous (9)	741	176	133	37	47	10
Unclassified	24	10	2	1	5	6

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	November 1986	October 1986	July 1, 1986 to November 30, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,035	2,447	13,596
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,361	2,621	12,478
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,708	2,590	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	770	1,091	5,429

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Unemployment decreased by 130 from mid-November to mid-December and the latest total of 13,840 unemployed represents 2.5 percent of the civilian labor force of 558,960. A year ago there were 16,830 unemployed and the rate was 3.0 percent. Nationally the unemployment rates were 6.3 percent in December, 6.6 percent in November, and 6.7 percent a year ago. The latest unemployment data available by state, (November 1986) indicates that New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for sixteen consecutive months. While the Concord area recorded 150 more unemployed in December, seven of the state's areas recorded unemployment changes of 100 or less. The largest unemployment decrease occurred in the Berlin area with 330 fewer unemployed. The unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.7 percent in the Manchester area to a high of 4.8 percent in the Salem area. Seven areas were below and five areas were above the state's 2.5 percent unemployment rate. Employment increases were recorded in trade establishments as extra workers were hired for the holiday season. The construction trades experienced some layoffs due to weather conditions. The Claremont area, due to layoffs in manufacturing, is the only labor market area in the state to record increased unemployment from the year ago level.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased slightly and the unemployment rate remained at 1.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.2 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 50 from November and by 650 from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing gained 1,900 jobs during the year while manufacturing lost 1,250. Services gained 700 jobs, finance, insurance and real estate 600, and machinery and electrical products lost 750 jobs during the year.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 60 workers as the unemployment rate went from 2.4 to 2.3 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.1 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 950 from November and is up 1,700 from a year ago. While machinery and electrical products lost 600 jobs during the year, trade gained 1,000, services 300, and construction 250.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Month	Year	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Month	Year	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	558,960	559,220	554,100	-260	4,860	81,350	81,720	83,940	-370	-2,590	90,430	89,960	91,160	470	-730
2. Unemployment	13,840	13,970	16,830	-130	-2,990	1,370	1,410	1,840	- 40	- 470	2,100	2,160	2,790	-60	-690
Percent of labor force	2.5	2.5	3.0	xx	xx	1.7	1.7	2.2	xx	xx	2.3	2.4	3.1	xx	xx
3. Employment total	544,770	544,900	537,230	-130	7,500	79,980	80,310	82,100	-330	-2,120	88,330	87,800	88,370	530	-40
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	496,300	493,550	483,450	2,750	12,850	82,550	82,500	81,900	50	650	86,600	85,650	84,900	950	1,700
Manufacturing	119,550	119,100	123,050	450	-3,500	14,000	14,200	15,250	- 200	-1,250	36,250	36,100	36,650	150	- 400
Durable goods	81,750	81,600	83,750	150	-2,000	8,450	8,500	9,250	- 50	- 800	29,950	29,800	30,550	150	- 600
Lumber & wood prods.	5,900	5,750	5,800	150	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,650	1,750	50	- 50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,100	3,050	3,100	50	0										
Primary metal prods.	*4,500	*4,500	4,300	0	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,750	6,700	7,200	50	- 450	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,500	24,800	25,800	-300	-1,300	4,800	4,800	5,550	0	- 750	22,550	22,550	23,150	0	- 600
Electrical prods.	23,650	23,600	24,500	50	- 850										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,150	2,300	0	- 150										
Other durables	9,500	9,400	9,000	100	500	3,650	3,700	3,700	- 50	- 50	7,400	7,250	7,400	150	0
Nondurable goods	37,800	37,500	39,300	300	-1,500	5,550	5,700	6,000	- 150	- 450	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,150	0	250										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,650	3,700	100	50	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100										
Paper & allied prods.	5,450	5,300	5,650	150	- 200										
Print., pub. & allied	7,500	7,400	7,250	100	250										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,250	5,300	6,000	- 50	- 750										
Other nondurables	10,050	10,050	11,050	0	-1,000	4,050	4,200	4,500	- 150	- 450					
Nonmanufacturing	376,750	374,450	360,400	2,300	16,350	68,550	68,300	66,650	250	1,900	50,350	49,550	48,250	800	2,100
Construction (inc. min.)	37,950	38,400	35,250	-450	2,700	6,000	6,000	5,350	0	650	4,250	4,200	4,000	50	250
Trans., comm. & util.	16,300	16,250	15,850	50	450	5,050	5,050	4,900	0	150	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Trade	124,500	122,500	120,250	2,000	4,250	22,050	21,600	22,250	450	- 200	19,100	18,650	18,100	450	1,000
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,650	28,400	26,050	250	2,600	7,800	7,800	7,200	0	600	2,750	2,750	2,700	0	50
Service industry & other	106,750	106,700	101,350	50	5,400	19,900	20,050	19,200	- 150	700	15,500	15,350	15,200	150	300
Government	62,600	62,200	61,650	400	950	7,750	7,800	7,750	- 50	0	6,550	6,400	6,050	150	500
Federal	8,350	8,100	7,950	250	400	2,500	2,450	2,350	50	150	800	800	750	0	50
State	16,450	16,400	16,950	50	- 500	800	750	850	50	- 50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,800	37,700	36,750	100	1,050	4,450	4,600	4,550	- 150	- 100	5,500	5,350	5,050	150	450

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

* November & December 1986 - Industry 33-350 Workers on Strike not Included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

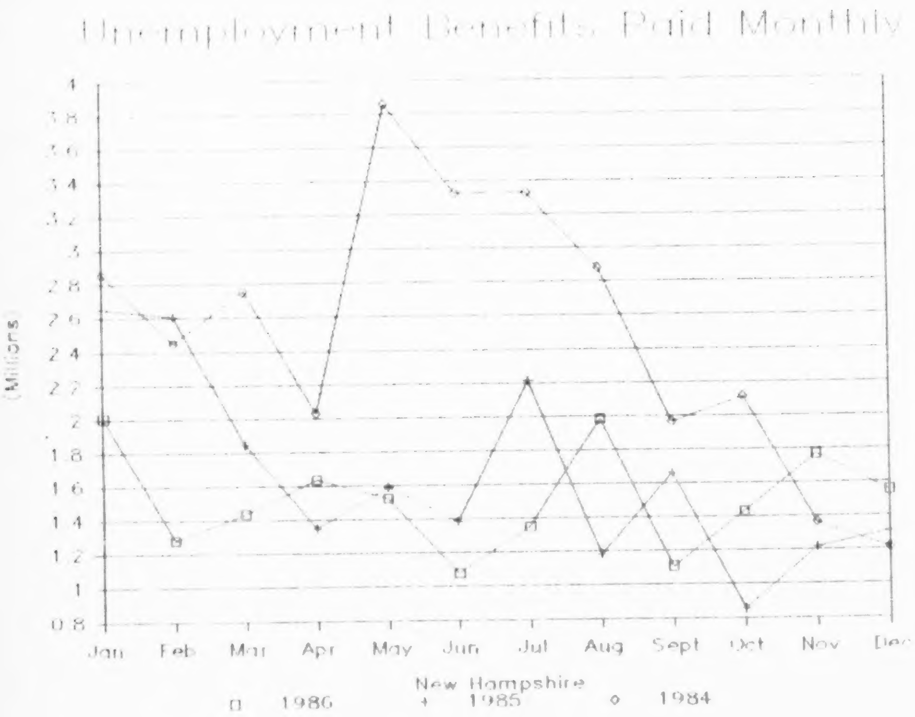
Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	December Number	1986 Rate	November Number	1986 Rate	December Number	1985 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year	December 1986	November 1986	December 1985	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year
UNITED STATES**	7,461	6.3	7,872	6.6	7,717	6.7	-411	-256	118,049	118,623	115,780	-574	2,269
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,840	2.5	13,970	2.5	16,830	3.0	-130	-2,990	558,960	559,220	554,100	-260	4,860
BERLIN LMA	590	2.3	920	3.7	1,070	4.3	-330	-480	25,200	24,970	24,870	230	330
CLAREMONT LMA	1,150	2.9	1,010	2.6	770	2.1	140	380	39,520	39,550	37,200	-30	2,320
CONCORD LMA	970	1.9	820	1.6	990	2.0	150	-20	51,330	51,310	50,080	20	1,250
KEENE LMA	740	1.8	840	2.0	920	2.2	-100	-180	41,550	41,830	40,940	-280	610
LACONIA LMA	1,060	2.1	930	1.9	1,280	2.6	130	-220	49,820	50,030	49,210	-210	610
LITTLETON LMA	510	3.0	580	3.5	1,070	6.3	-70	-560	16,890	16,540	17,000	350	-110
MANCHESTER MSA	1,370	1.7	1,410	1.7	1,840	2.2	-40	-470	81,350	81,720	83,940	-370	-2,590
NASHUA PMSA	2,100	2.3	2,160	2.4	2,790	3.1	-60	-690	90,430	89,960	91,160	470	-730
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,050	4.8	2,020	4.7	2,510	5.8	30	-460	43,110	43,100	43,420	10	-310
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,960	2.3	2,940	2.3	3,230	2.6	20	-270	126,170	126,530	123,480	-360	-2,690
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	550	3.2	530	3.0	570	3.5	20	- 20	17,090	17,470	16,250	-380	840
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	210	4.4	190	4.0	240	5.1	20	- 30	4,800	4,750	4,730	50	70
County													
BELKNAP	590	2.3	480	1.9	640	2.5	110	- 50	25,580	25,640	25,190	- 60	390
CARROLL	320	1.9	330	1.9	400	2.4	-10	- 80	17,140	17,040	16,760	100	380
CHESHIRE	690	1.9	790	2.1	850	2.3	-100	-160	37,190	37.450	36,650	- 260	540
COOS	630	3.0	920	4.4	1,240	5.9	-290	-610	20,900	20,710	20,860	190	40
GRAFTON	760	2.0	830	2.2	1,210	3.2	- 70	-450	38,260	38,150	37,420	110	840
HILLSBOROUGH	3,610	2.1	3,670	2.1	4,740	2.7	- 60	-1,130	172,220	172,230	174,600	-10	-2,380
MERRIMACK	1,070	1.8	960	1.6	1,290	2.2	110	-220	60,370	60,470	59,460	-100	910
ROCKINGHAM	3,770	3.4	3,700	3.3	4,460	4.1	-70	-690	110,950	111,110	109,840	-160	1,110
STRAFFORD	1,510	2.7	1,530	2.7	1,570	2.9	-20	-60	55,630	55,740	54,060	-110	1,570
SULLIVAN	890	4.3	760	3.7	430	2.2	130	460	20,720	20,680	19,260	40	1,460

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - December	325.7			
Percent change from year ago	0.7			
Year average	323.4	318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year	1.5	3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - December	331.1			
Percent change from year ago	1.1			
Year average	328.4	322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year	1.9	3.6	4.3	3.2

THE FIFTEEN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF WORKERS

The fifteen specific occupations listed below by employment size comprise only 15.8 percent of the grand total of 95 specific occupations employing ten or more workers but total over 64.0 percent of the 34,565 workers employed in Educational Services in New Hampshire.

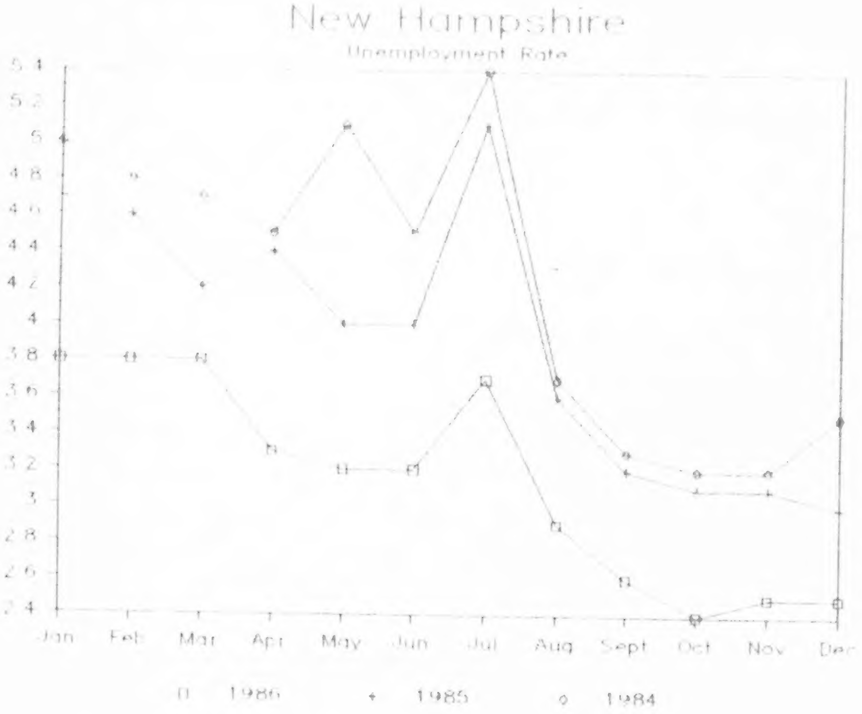
RANK	OCCUPATIONAL TITLE	OES CODE	APR. 1985 EMP.	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	Teachers, Secondary School	31308	5,010	14.5
2	Teachers, Elementary School	31305	4,437	12.8
3	Secretaries	55100	1,885	5.4
4	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	67005	1,799	5.2
5	Teacher Aides, Paraprofessional	31521	1,526	4.4
6	Teachers, Special Education	31311	1,287	3.7
7	Education Administrators	15005	1,198	3.5
8	Food Preparation Workers	65038	782	2.3
9	Cooks, Institution Or Cafeteria	65028	720	2.1
10	English and Foreign Language Teachers	31216	708	2.0
11	Social Sciences Teachers	31210	696	2.0
12	Teacher Aides and Educational Assistants, Clerical	53905	599	1.7
13	First Line Supervisors and Manager/Supervisors-Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	51002	568	1.6
14	Bus Drivers, School	97111	560	1.6
15	Life Sciences Teachers	31202	557	1.6

SOURCE: Occupational Employment Statistics Survey on Government and Educational Services in New Hampshire - 1985.

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	6,283	14,434	8	20	11	16	49	65	19	33
Berlin	291	778	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Claremont	360	1,289	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0
Concord	633	706	1	1	0	0	8	4	2	4
Conway	88	246	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Dover	1,172	2,102	1	3	7	0	8	6	9	7
Keene	170	679	0	4	0	1	2	11	0	5
Laconia	751	870	3	0	0	1	4	4	1	0
Lebanon	77	202	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Littleton	333	647	3	8	0	0	1	4	1	2
Manchester	968	1,717	0	0	0	0	5	10	2	2
Nashua	568	1,044	0	1	1	12	0	1	0	0
Portsmouth	377	1,883	0	0	0	0	11	17	4	8
Salem	211	438	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Liable Interstate	284	1,833	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	5

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $122.05



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$138,613,285.85

Year Summary

Net contributions received during month:

$ 98,336.06

Year Net Contributions Received
$ 26,317,434.48

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,550,685.05

Year Net Benefits

$ 18,031,666.01

Interest Received:

0

Year Interest Received

$ 12,523,332.59

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
All manufacturing	$379.85	$375.48	$360.26	42.3	42.0	41.6	$8.98	$8.94	$8.66
Durable goods	395.47	387.89	375.16	42.8	42.3	42.2	9.24	9.17	8.89
Lumber & wood prods.	297.43	291.72	262.58	40.8	40.8	38.9	7.29	7.15	6.75
Furniture & fixtures	324.72	302.33	293.94	44.3	41.7	42.6	7.33	7.25	6.90
Stone & clay prods.	362.95	366.80	353.03	42.7	42.8	43.0	8.50	8.57	8.21
Primary metal prods.	377.40	419.83	385.93	40.8	44.1	41.1	9.25	9.52	9.39
Fab. metal prods.	374.82	345.98	353.64	41.6	38.7	42.0	9.01	8.94	8.42
Mach. (exc. elec.)	415.04	421.97	416.76	44.2	44.7	45.3	9.39	9.44	9.20
Electrical prods.	439.78	413.97	392.35	43.2	41.9	40.7	10.18	9.88	9.64
Miscellaneous prods.	307.44	305.37	271.21	42.7	40.5	38.8	7.20	7.54	6.99
Other durables	388.66	387.32	389.85	42.2	42.1	42.7	9.21	9.20	9.13
Nondurable goods	348.57	350.24	332.92	41.3	41.4	40.6	8.44	8.46	8.20
Food & kindred prods.	410.59	446.64	393.41	41.1	42.7	39.9	9.99	10.46	9.86
Textile mill prods.	319.88	314.07	295.82	42.2	42.1	41.2	7.58	7.46	7.18
Apparel	232.48	238.46	212.65	38.3	38.4	36.6	6.07	6.21	5.81
Paper & allied prods.	487.00	493.25	467.48	48.7	48.5	48.9	10.00	10.17	9.56
Print., pub. & allied	367.99	363.20	365.65	38.9	40.0	40.9	9.46	9.08	8.94
Leather & lea. prods.	209.76	215.97	198.92	36.8	37.3	36.3	5.70	5.79	5.48
Footwear	195.84	203.69	186.19	36.2	36.9	35.6	5.41	5.52	5.23
Other nondurables	374.31	366.33	360.19	42.2	41.3	40.2	8.87	8.87	8.96

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

39%

Total Production Workers:

83,200

Firms Reporting:

274

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
All manufacturing	$374.82	$371.07	$351.02	41.6	41.6	41.2	$9.01	$8.92	$8.52
Durable goods	398.11	384.06	370.31	41.6	40.3	41.1	9.57	9.53	9.01
Mach. & elec. prods.	417.31	400.48	388.31	43.2	42.2	42.3	9.66	9.49	9.18
Other durables	375.56	365.57	346.42	39.7	38.2	39.5	9.46	9.57	8.77
Nondurable goods	339.86	350.61	321.68	41.7	43.5	41.4	8.15	8.06	7.77
Textiles & apparel	339.72	337.05	277.78	45.6	45.0	40.2	7.45	7.49	6.91
Other nondurables	340.05	356.07	336.49	40.1	42.9	41.8	8.48	8.30	8.05

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

43%

Total Production Workers:

10,400

Firms Reporting:

35

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1985
All manufacturing	$440.67	$443.31	$427.84	41.3	42.1	41.7	$10.67	$10.53	$10.26
Durable goods	452.03	448.59	435.08	41.7	42.2	42.2	10.84	10.63	10.31
Mach. & elec. prods.	481.63	473.41	461.90	41.2	41.6	41.5	11.69	11.38	11.13
Other durables	386.91	394.64	372.27	42.8	43.8	43.9	9.04	9.01	8.48
Nondurable goods	393.82	419.38	398.59	39.7	41.4	39.7	9.92	10.13	10.04

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

36%

Total Production Workers:

21,200

Firms Reporting:

48

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending December 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	8,911	3,694	1,220	541	738	295
Prof., Tech. Managerial (00,19)	1,371	435	139	48	173	43
Clerical (20-24)	1,526	1,242	202	164	141	100
Sales (25-29)	422	196	78	25	32	14
Services (3)	1,377	899	180	132	85	45
Farm (4)	128	21	11	3	11	1
Processing (5)	142	40	23	6	10	3
Machine Trade (6)	765	149	86	34	46	8
Benchwork (7)	667	447	118	86	71	51
Structural (8)	1,647	91	236	14	95	7
Miscellaneous (9)	849	168	147	29	71	21
Unclassified	17	6	0	0	3	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	December 1986	November 1986	July 1, 1986 to December 31,1986
Total applicants for employment	2,067	2,035	15,663
Total nonagricultural job openings received	848	1,361	13,326
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,308	1,708	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,177	770	6,066

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

JANUARY
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With this report for January 1987 comes the introduction of a monthly economic conditions report for the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA's. The Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA's is comprised of twenty one cities and towns in New Hampshire and eight towns in York County, Maine, and was created in January 1985 as a result of federal implementation of revised definitions of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's). We will now be producing monthly employment estimates by industry as well as manufacturing hours and earnings information for this area as we currently do for the Manchester and Nashua MSA's.

Once each year, prior to the publishing of January data, the employment and unemployment estimates for the two previous years are revised based on complete employment data reported by all employers covered by the New Hampshire Unemployment Compensation Law and adjustments made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 1986, New Hampshire averaged 16,000 unemployed or 2.8 percent of the civilian labor force of 562,000. The 1985 civilian unemployment rate was 3.9 percent. Total unemployment increased by 2,390 from mid-December to mid-January. The latest total of 16,500 unemployed represents 3.0 percent of the civilian labor force of 556,440. The rate was 2.5 percent in December and 4.0 percent a year ago. Nationally the rates were 7.3 percent in January, 6.3 percent in December, and 7.3 percent a year ago. Layoffs occurred in trade as a result of the end of the Christmas season, and in construction as a result of deteriorating weather conditions. Nine areas recorded unemployment increases led by the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA's with 840 more unemployed. Three areas had unemployment decreases led by the Claremont area with 290 fewer unemployed. Year ago comparisons indicate that all areas recorded lower levels of unemployment.

December 1986 marked the seventeenth consecutive month that New Hampshire has posted the lowest state unemployment rate in the country. Obviously, New Hampshire's 1986 annual unemployment rate of 2.8 percent will be the lowest state rate country wide. In 1985, our 3.9 rate tied with Massachusetts for the lowest rate, and in 1984 and 1983 we tied with South Dakota. We must be doing something right! Actually, New Hampshire's industrial mix has gone a long way in creating and maintaining a very strong and vibrant economy. Our January 1987 rate of 3.0 percent compares with a national rate of 7.3 percent. Between 1980 and 1986, 103,300 new jobs were created in New Hampshire, a 26.8 percent increase. During that same period, the average weekly manufacturing wage rose from $225.92 to $362.56, a 60.5 percent increase, and the average hourly manufacturing wage rose from $5.62 to $8.80 or 56.6 percent. While manufacturing jobs increased by only 1.3 percent or 1,500 workers between 1980 and 1986, nonmanufacturing employment increased by 37.9 percent or 101,800 workers. In 1980, manufacturing represented 30.3 percent of total nonagricultural employment while in 1986 it represented only 24.2 percent. Trade employment increased by 48.2 percent between 1980 and 1986, services by 48.9 percent, and construction by 73.8 percent.

Revised employment and hours and earnings will be published next month for 1985 and 1986.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Month	Year	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Month	Year	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	556,440	565,950	548,380	-9,510	18,060	83,390	84,870	82,760	-1,480	630	91,740	93,160	89,850	-1,420	1,890
2. Unemployment	16,500	14,110	21,860	2,390	-5,360	2,100	1,370	3,090	730	-990	2,660	2,180	3,590	480	-930
Percent of labor force	3.0	2.5	4.0	xxx	xxx	2.5	1.6	3.7	xxx	xxx	2.9	2.3	4.0	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	539,590	551,490	526,520	-11,900	13,070	81,290	83,500	79,670	-2,210	1,620	89,080	90,980	86,260	-1,900	2,820
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	492,750	499,650	472,000	-6,900	20,750	85,400	85,900	81,650	-500	3,750	88,200	88,850	84,550	-650	3,650
Manufacturing	118,000	117,700	120,100	300	-2,100	13,250	13,400	14,550	-150	-1,300	35,250	35,200	35,900	50	-650
Durable goods	81,150	80,850	82,850	300	-1,700	8,100	8,100	8,800	0	-700	29,150	29,100	29,950	50	-800
Lumber & wood prods.	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0										
Stone & clay prods.	3,250	3,300	3,050	-50	200										
Primary metal prods.	*4,200	*4,250	4,350	-50	-150										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,800	6,750	7,000	50	-200	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,400	24,000	25,600	400	-1,200	4,600	4,600	5,200	0	-600	22,250	22,100	22,750	150	-500
Electrical prods.	23,550	23,650	24,000	-100	-450										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	2,000	2,150	-50	-200										
Other durables	9,400	9,400	9,200	0	200	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-300
Nondurable goods	36,850	36,850	37,250	0	-400	5,150	5,300	5,750	-150	-600	6,100	6,100	5,950	0	150
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,150	2,800	-50	300										
Textile mill prods.	3,850	3,750	3,500	100	350	1,500	1,500	1,550	0	-50					
Apparel	2,450	2,450	2,400	0	50										
Paper & allied prods.	5,550	5,500	5,600	50	-50										
Print., pub. & allied	7,600	7,650	7,250	-50	350										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,550	4,600	5,300	-50	-750										
Other nondurables	9,750	9,750	10,400	0	-650	3,650	3,800	4,200	-150	-550					
Nonmanufacturing	374,750	381,950	351,900	-7,200	22,850	72,150	72,500	67,100	-350	5,050	52,950	53,650	48,650	-700	4,300
Construction (inc. min.)	33,350	34,700	32,250	-1,350	1,100	6,100	6,050	5,050	50	1,050	5,000	4,950	4,000	50	1,000
Trans., comm. & util.	17,600	17,500	16,050	100	1,550	4,900	4,900	4,750	0	150	2,200	2,200	2,150	0	50
Trade	123,250	127,700	112,850	-4,450	10,400	23,550	23,950	21,800	-400	1,750	20,600	20,950	18,000	-350	2,600
Fin., ins. & real estate	29,400	29,700	26,800	-300	2,600	8,150	8,150	7,300	0	850	3,250	3,250	3,050	0	200
Service industry & other	108,300	108,250	102,500	50	5,800	21,600	21,500	20,400	100	1,200	15,800	16,050	15,400	-250	400
Government	62,850	64,100	61,450	-1,250	1,400	7,850	7,950	7,800	-100	50	6,100	6,250	6,050	-150	50
Federal	8,350	8,400	8,000	-50	350	2,500	2,550	2,300	-50	200	800	800	750	0	50
State	17,050	17,600	16,600	-550	450	850	850	800	0	50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,450	38,100	36,850	-650	600	4,500	4,550	4,700	-50	-200	5,050	5,200	5,050	-150	0

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

December 1986 & January 1987 - Industry 33 - 350 workers on strike not included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	January 1987		December 1986		January 1986		Numerical Change From Previous		January 1987	December 1986	January 1986	Numerical Change From Previous	
Area	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,620	7.3	8,209	7.0	8,472	7.3	411	148	117,703	117,707	115,431	-4	2,272
NEW HAMPSHIRE	16,500	3.0	14,110	2.5	21,860	4.0	2,390	-5,360	556,440	565,950	548,380	-9,510	8,060
BERLIN LMA	810	3.3	580	2.4	1,240	5.0	230	-430	24,870	24,250	24,860	620	10
CLAREMONT LMA	890	2.4	1,180	3.1	910	2.5	-290	-20	37,590	38,080	35,880	-490	1,710
CONCORD LMA	1,260	2.5	970	1.9	1,560	3.1	290	-300	50,320	50,700	49,700	-380	620
KEENE LMA	860	2.2	730	1.8	1,190	3.1	130	-330	38,230	39,560	37,990	-1,330	240
LACONIA LMA	1,350	2.8	1,070	2.2	1,770	3.7	280	-420	47,380	48,850	47,550	-1,470	-170
LITTLETON LMA	480	2.9	520	3.1	880	5.2	-40	-400	16,750	16,660	17,050	90	-300
MANCHESTER MSA	2,100	2.5	1,370	1.6	3,090	3.7	730	-990	83,390	84,870	82,760	-1,480	630
NASHUA PMSA	2,660	2.9	2,180	2.3	3,590	4.0	480	-930	91,740	93,160	89,850	-1,420	1,890
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	1,910	4.0	2,090	4.3	2,760	5.6	-180	-850	47,320	48,680	48,940	-1,360	-1,620
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,830	3.1	2,990	2.4	4,380	3.7	840	-550	122,880	125,570	117,980	-2,690	4,900
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	790	4.3	570	3.1	900	5.2	220	-110	18,180	18,490	17,390	-310	790
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	230	4.5	220	4.2	280	5.5	10	-50	5,060	5,210	5,110	-150	-50
County													
BELKNAP	720	2.9	600	2.4	960	3.9	120	-240	24,730	25,490	24,830	-760	-100
CARROLL	400	2.4	320	1.9	470	2.8	80	-70	16,970	17,010	16,780	-40	190
CHESHIRE	810	2.4	680	1.9	1,100	3.2	130	-290	34,180	35,350	33,960	-1,170	220
COOS	770	4.0	630	3.3	1,320	6.7	140	-550	19,300	18,890	19,560	410	-260
GRAFTON	850	2.3	760	2.0	1,290	3.5	90	-480	37,520	37,750	37,120	-230	400
HILLSBOROUGH	4,840	2.8	3,690	2.1	6,760	3.9	1,150	-1,920	174,050	177,050	171,620	-3,000	2,430
MERRIMACK	1,470	2.5	1,070	2.0	1,880	3.2	400	-410	59,940	60,620	59,280	-680	660
ROCKINGHAM	4,160	3.6	3,880	3.7	5,340	4.6	280	-1,180	116,150	118,740	115,000	-2,590	1,150
STRAFFORD	1,870	3.5	1,560	3.2	2,190	4.2	310	-320	54,190	55,230	51,770	-1,040	2,420
SULLIVAN	610	3.1	920	2.6	550	3.0	-310	60	19,410	19,820	18,460	-410	950

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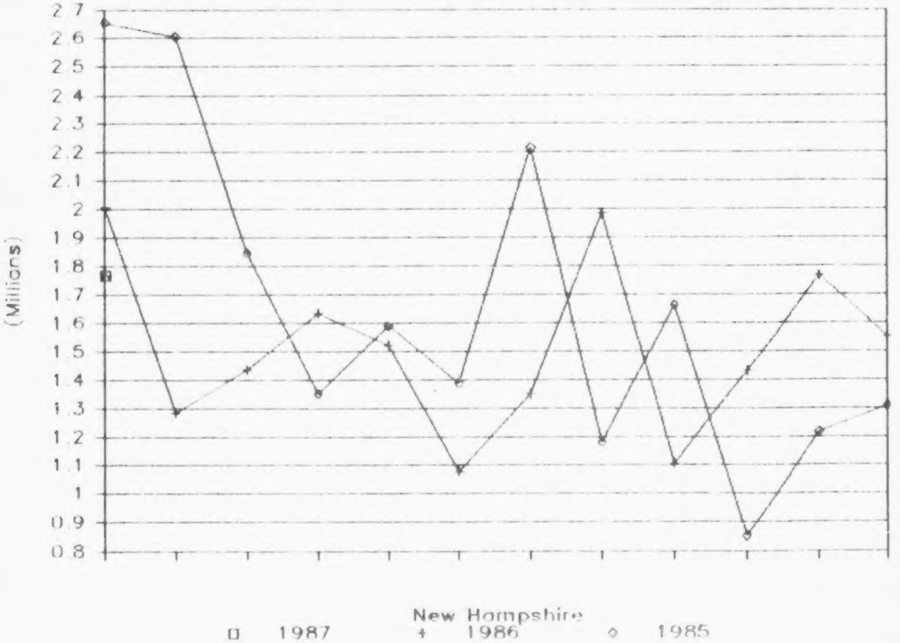
* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



Unemployment Benefits Paid Monthly

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - January	327.7			
Percent change from year ago	1.0			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - January	333.1			
Percent change from year ago	1.4			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	January 1987	December 1986	January 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	122,880	125,570	117,980	-2,690	4,900
Unemployment Percent	3,830	2,990	4,380	840	-550
of Labor Force	3.1	2.4	3.7	xxx	xxx
Employment Total	119,050	122,580	113,600	-3,530	5,450
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	103,400	105,000	97,900	-1,600	5,500
Manufacturing	20,200	20,250	20,950	-50	-750
Durable Goods	12,200	12,250	12,450	-50	-250
Nondurable Goods	8,000	8,000	8,500	0	-500
Nonmanufacturing	83,200	84,750	76,950	-1,550	6,250
Construction (inc mining)	5,050	5,600	4,400	-550	650
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	2,750	2,850	2,450	-100	300
Trade	27,150	27,700	23,850	-550	3,300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,000	6,000	5,400	0	600
Services	17,900	17,900	16,300	0	1,600
Government	24,350	24,700	24,550	-350	-200
Federal	10,350	10,400	11,150	-50	-800
State	5,150	5,400	5,100	-250	50
Local	8,850	8,900	8,300	-50	550

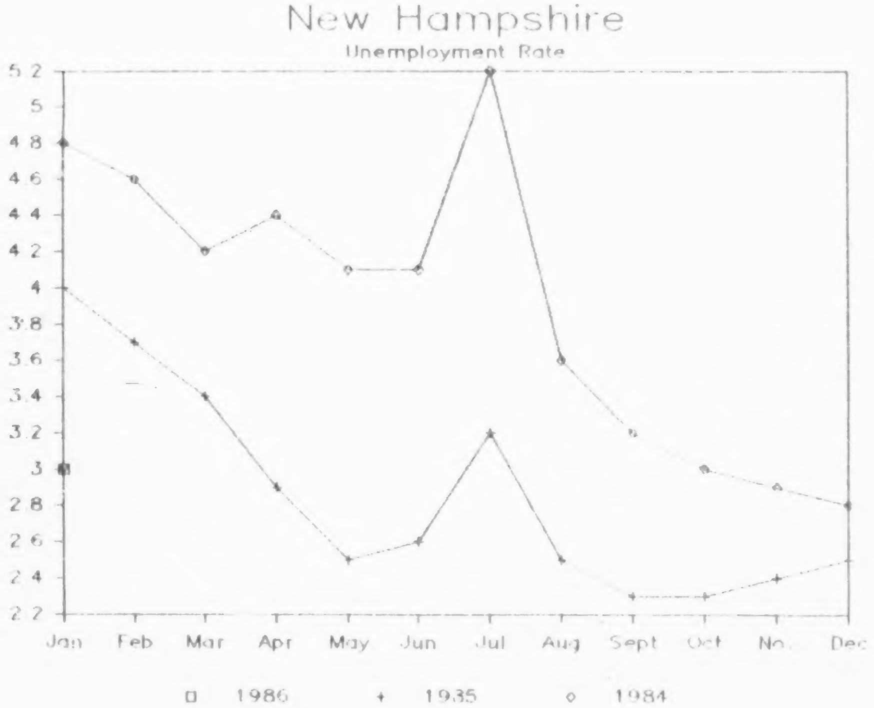
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
Industry	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
Manufacturing	$350.73	$369.96	$361.49	39.1	40.7	40.8	$8.97	$9.09	$8.86
Durable Goods	402.52	417.74	405.82	40.7	41.9	41.2	9.89	9.97	9.85
Nondurable - Goods	274.90	300.70	300.70	36.8	38.9	40.2	7.47	7.73	7.48

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
35%	14,100	41

Weekly Claims Filed During January
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,682	18,022	13	16	16	19	43	80	20	33
Berlin	149	725	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	0
Claremont	161	1,105	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
Concord	362	1,038	1	3	0	1	5	6	1	0
Conway	74	223	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1
Dover	941	3,681	3	3	3	2	8	8	9	9
Keene	178	653	1	3	1	5	2	8	0	3
Laconia	294	1,547	0	1	1	1	5	4	0	0
Lebanon	62	289	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Littleton	329	863	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1
Manchester	825	2,463	6	2	1	0	5	5	2	3
Nashua	380	1,375	0	0	2	6	1	4	0	3
Portsmouth	493	1,867	1	0	2	1	10	25	2	2
Salem	181	475	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	253	1,718	0	1	2	0	0	9	4	11

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $121.78



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$138,441,760.71

Net contributions received during month:

$ 1,596,469.83

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,767,994.97

Interest Received:

0

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
All manufacturing	$375.72	$384.20	$352.19	41.7	42.5	41.0	$9.01	$9.04	$8.59
Durable goods	393.47	399.11	366.68	42.4	43.1	41.2	9.28	9.26	8.90
Lumber & wood prods.	304.71	298.25	260.55	40.9	40.8	38.6	7.45	7.31	6.75
Furniture & fixtures	291.99	323.39	272.83	41.3	44.3	40.3	7.07	7.30	6.77
Stone & clay prods.	368.41	368.07	353.19	42.2	42.7	42.4	8.73	8.62	8.33
Primary metal prods.	449.29	422.11	367.77	45.2	44.2	39.0	9.94	9.55	9.43
Fab. metal prods.	387.49	378.56	353.10	41.8	41.6	40.4	9.27	9.10	8.74
Mach. (exc. elec.)	419.33	421.33	400.89	44.8	45.5	44.2	9.36	9.26	9.07
Electrical prods.	416.00	441.34	390.26	41.6	43.1	40.4	10.00	10.24	9.66
Miscellaneous prods.	282.36	281.97	282.03	39.0	39.0	39.5	7.24	7.23	7.14
Other durables	382.53	387.32	373.60	41.0	42.1	41.1	9.33	9.20	9.09
Nondurable goods	341.38	352.23	323.58	40.4	41.1	40.6	8.45	8.57	7.97
Food & kindred prods.	402.11	416.25	391.99	41.2	41.5	42.7	9.76	10.03	9.18
Textile mill prods.	333.49	314.57	296.94	42.7	41.5	42.0	7.81	7.58	7.07
Apparel	234.25	229.88	218.89	37.6	37.5	37.1	6.23	6.13	5.90
Paper & allied prods.	459.76	482.15	428.67	46.3	48.9	45.7	9.93	9.86	9.38
Print., pub. & allied	358.59	371.53	339.37	38.6	38.5	39.6	9.29	9.65	8.57
Leather & lea. prods.	200.91	209.52	193.75	34.7	36.0	35.1	5.79	5.82	5.52
Footwear	184.76	194.86	181.13	33.9	35.3	34.5	5.45	5.52	5.25
Other nondurables	358.28	378.48	353.17	40.9	42.1	41.5	8.76	8.99	8.51

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

33%

Total Production Workers:

82,300

Firms Reporting:

255

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
All manufacturing	$378.02	$373.51	$339.15	41.0	41.0	39.9	$9.22	$9.11	$8.50
Durable goods	393.19	394.28	353.21	41.0	41.2	38.9	9.59	9.57	9.08
Mach. & elec. prods.	403.10	410.22	364.11	41.6	43.0	40.1	9.69	9.54	9.08
Other durables	380.69	374.79	339.06	40.2	39.0	37.3	9.47	9.61	9.09
Nondurable goods	353.87	341.47	317.48	41.1	40.7	41.5	8.61	8.39	7.65
Textiles & apparel	335.23	297.34	281.48	43.2	40.4	40.5	7.76	7.36	6.95
Other nondurables	362.60	359.45	331.43	40.2	40.8	41.9	9.02	8.81	7.91

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

37%

Total Production Workers:

9,900

Firms Reporting:

37

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1986
All manufacturing	$462.58	$487.26	$421.69	42.4	43.7	41.1	10.91	11.15	10.26
Durable goods	480.57	503.05	429.93	43.1	44.4	41.3	11.15	11.33	10.41
Mach. & elec. prods.	513.83	552.27	464.32	42.5	44.9	41.2	12.09	12.30	11.27
Other durables	402.69	394.07	349.02	44.3	43.4	41.6	9.09	9.08	8.39
Nondurable goods	393.82	420.21	389.61	39.7	40.6	40.5	9.92	10.35	9.62

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

33%

Total Production Workers:

19,700

Firms Reporting:

47

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending January 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	10,549	4,096	1,642	643	951	350
Prof., Tech. Managerial (00,19)	1,598	510	173	57	222	60
Clerical (20-24)	1,748	1,427	257	205	157	109
Sales (25-29)	478	211	106	31	44	18
Services (3)	1,516	955	249	160	102	52
Farm (4)	142	21	16	6	15	2
Processing (5)	173	51	29	6	18	7
Machine Trade (6)	836	161	110	39	59	10
Benchwork (7)	722	477	134	91	90	62
Structural (8)	2,240	120	340	21	141	7
Miscellaneous (9)	1,070	153	228	27	98	21
Unclassified	26	10	0	0	5	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	January 1987	December 1986	July 1, 1986 to January 31, 1987
Total applicants for employment	3,013	2,067	18,676
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,447	848	14,773
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,296	1,308	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	648	1,177	6,714

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

FEBRUARY

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The number of unemployed decreased by 1,020 from mid-January to mid-February as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.9 to 2.7 percent. A year ago the unemployment rate was 3.7 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.2 percent in February, 7.3 percent in January, and 6.7 percent a year ago. The latest state unemployment data (January 1987) indicates that New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for eighteen consecutive months. New Hampshire's total labor force increased by 1,130 from January to a February level of 556,010, a 2.3 percent increase from the year ago level of 543,440.

The number of unemployed and the rate of unemployment for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 690 (2.8 percent), Claremont LMA 780 (2.1), Concord LMA 1,220 (2.4), Keene LMA 730 (1.9), Laconia LMA 1,200 (2.6), Littleton 420 (2.5), Manchester MSA 1,930 (2.3), Nashua PMSA 2,380 (2.6), Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H.-ME. MSA 3,500 (2.8), Salem (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) 1,970 (4.1), Unattached Area 720 (4.0), and the town of Pelham (N.H. Portion of the Lowell MA. PMSA) 250 (4.9 percent).

Jobs associated with the skiing industry continued at a high level as New Hampshire is enjoying one of the finest skiing seasons ever. In addition to last month's record snow fall, many of our ski areas now have snow making capabilities. The construction trades experienced additional layoffs as a direct result of winter weather conditions. It is expected that those workers laid off now will be recalled as soon as weather conditions begin to improve in the spring. Construction lost 1,200 jobs from February. Trade is down 350 jobs due in part to the layoff of those workers that were hired in January to do inventory. This is a seasonal layoff and is expected each February. The average weekly manufacturing wage for February was $375.75 and the average weekly number of hours worked was 41.5 at an average hourly rate of $9.03. While the average hourly rate for durable goods was $9.21, the average hourly rate for nondurables was $8.62 or 6.5 percent less. While "footwear" continues to be the lowest paid manufacturing industry at an average hourly rate of $5.46, the "electrical and electronic" industrial group is the highest at an average hourly rate of $9.83.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 850 from January as manufacturing increased by 300 workers while nonmanufacturing decreased by 1,150. Compared to the year ago level, nonagricultural employment increased by 20,200 workers as manufacturing lost 2,000 workers and nonmanufacturing gained 22,200. Trade increased 11,050 workers while services is up 5,550.

Revised series on Employment and Hours and Earnings for 1985 and 1986 are included in this issue.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Month	Year	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Month	Year	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	556,010	554,880	543,440	1,130	12,570	82,830	83,160	81,580	-330	1,250	91,410	91,480	89,890	-70	1,520
2. Unemployment	15,150	16,170	19,890	-1,020	- 4,740	1,930	2,060	2,830	-130	- 900	2,380	2,600	3,450	-220	-1,070
Percent of labor force	2.7	2.9	3.7	xxx	xxx	2.3	2.5	3.5	xxx	xxx	2.6	2.8	3.8	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	540,510	538,360	523,550	2,150	16,960	80,900	81,100	78,750	-200	2,150	89,030	88,880	86,440	150	2,590
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	492,550	493,400	472,350	-850	20,200	84,650	85,400	81,200	-750	3,450	87,850	88,100	84,950	-250	2,900
Manufacturing	118,200	117,900	120,200	300	- 2,000	13,100	13,300	14,400	-200	-1,300	34,900	35,200	35,900	-300	-1,000
Durable goods	81,500	81,050	82,850	450	- 1,350	8,150	8,100	8,750	50	- 600	28,800	29,100	29,800	-300	-1,000
Lumber & wood prods.	6,050	5,950	5,900	100	150										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,600	1,650	0	- 50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,300	3,250	3,000	50	300										
Primary metal prods.	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	- 100										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,700	6,650	6,950	50	- 250	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,600	24,450	25,600	150	- 1,000	4,550	4,600	5,200	-50	- 650	22,000	22,300	22,700	-300	- 700
Electrical prods.	23,600	23,600	24,100	0	- 500										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	1,950	2,150	0	- 200										
Other durables	9,500	9,400	9,200	100	300	3,600	3,500	3,550	100	50	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	- 300
Nondurable goods	36,700	36,850	37,350	-150	- 650	4,950	5,200	5,650	-250	-700	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Food & kindred prods.	3,150	3,150	2,850	0	300										
Textile mill prods.	3,900	3,800	3,550	100	350	1,450	1,500	1,550	- 50	-100					
Apparel	2,400	2,450	2,400	- 50	0										
Paper & allied prods.	5,450	5,500	5,650	- 50	- 200										
Print., pub. & allied	7,550	7,600	7,300	- 50	250										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,550	4,550	5,250	0	- 700										
Other nondurables	9,700	9,800	10,350	-100	- 650	3,500	3,700	4,100	-200	-600					
Nonmanufacturing	374,350	375,500	352,150	-1,150	22,200	71,550	72,100	66,800	-550	4,750	52,950	52,900	49,050	50	3,900
Construction (inc. min.)	32,150	33,350	31,650	-1,200	500	5,900	6,100	4,900	-200	1,000	5,050	5,000	4,050	50	1,000
Trans., comm. & util.	17,400	17,500	16,000	- 100	1,400	4,800	4,850	4,750	- 50	50	2,150	2,150	2,150	0	0
Trade	123,450	123,800	112,400	- 350	11,050	23,200	23,550	21,400	-350	1,800	20,350	20,600	18,250	-250	2,100
Fin., ins. & real estate	29,500	29,450	26,800	50	2,700	8,250	8,150	7,350	100	900	3,250	3,300	3,050	- 50	200
Service industry & other	108,750	108,550	103,200	200	5,550	21,550	21,600	20,500	- 50	1,050	15,950	15,750	15,450	200	500
Government	63,100	62,850	62,100	250	1,000	7,850	7,850	7,900	0	-50	6,200	6,100	6,100	100	100
Federal	8,350	8,350	8,100	0	250	2,450	2,500	2,350	- 50	100	850	800	750	50	100
State	16,950	17,050	16,700	-100	250	850	850	850	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,800	37,450	37,300	350	500	4,550	4,500	4,700	50	- 150	5,100	5,050	5,100	50	0

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
Area	February Number	1987 Rate	January Number	1987 Rate	February Number	1986 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year	February 1987	January 1987	February 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year
UNITED STATES**	8,503	7.2	8,620	7.3	9,041	7.8	-117	-538	117,464	117,703	115,725	-239	1,739
NEW HAMPSHIRE	15,150	2.7	16,170	2.9	19,890	3.7	-1,020	-4,740	556,010	554,880	543,440	1,130	12,570
BERLIN LMA	690	2.8	740	3.0	1,160	4.8	- 50	-470	24,670	24,740	24,290	- 70	380
CLAREMONT LMA	780	2.1	870	2.3	830	2.3	- 90	- 50	37,740	37,490	35,790	250	1,950
CONCORD LMA	1,220	2.4	1,240	2.5	1,290	2.6	- 20	- 70	50,650	50,200	48,940	450	1,710
KEENE LMA	730	1.9	850	2.2	1,010	2.7	-120	-280	38,380	38,140	37,590	240	790
LACONIA LMA	1,200	2.6	1,330	2.8	1,520	3.3	-130	-320	46,980	47,270	46,300	-290	680
LITTLETON LMA	420	2.5	470	2.8	770	4.6	- 50	-350	16,770	16,710	16,690	60	80
MANCHESTER MSA	1,930	2.3	2,060	2.5	2,830	3.5	-130	-900	82,830	83,160	81,580	-330	1,250
NASHUA PMSA	2,380	2.8	2,600	2.8	3,450	3.8	-220	-1,070	91,410	91,480	89,890	- 70	1,520
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	1,970	4.1	1,900	4.0	2,790	5.7	70	-820	47,680	47,200	49,020	480	-1,340
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,500	2.8	3,760	3.1	3,870	3.3	-260	-370	122,850	122,580	117,540	270	5,310
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	720	4.0	780	4.3	710	4.1	-60	10	18,200	18,120	17,170	80	1,030
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	250	4.9	240	4.7	260	5.1	10	-10	5,120	5,060	5,130	60	-10
County													
BELKNAP	650	2.6	700	2.8	770	3.2	-50	-120	24,550	24,670	24,130	-120	420
CARROLL	340	2.0	380	2.2	440	2.7	-40	-100	16,860	16,920	16,430	- 60	430
CHESHIRE	680	2.0	800	2.3	920	2.7	-120	-240	34,300	34,100	33,580	200	720
COOS	680	3.5	720	3.7	1,220	6.4	- 40	-540	19,180	19,210	19,100	-30	80
GRAFTON	770	2.1	840	2.2	1,160	3.2	- 70	-390	37,550	37,430	36,590	120	960
HILLSBOROUGH	4,480	2.6	4,760	2.7	6,360	3.7	-280	-1,880	173,440	173,580	170,550	-140	2,890
MERRIMACK	1,340	2.2	1,440	2.4	1,600	2.7	-100	-260	60,060	59,790	58,340	270	1,720
ROCKINGHAM	3,950	3.4	4,100	3.5	5,070	4.4	-150	-1,120	116,400	115,810	114,790	590	1,610
STRAFFORD	1,740	3.2	1,840	3.4	1,870	3.6	-100	-130	54,220	54,030	51,540	190	2,680
SULLIVAN	520	2.7	590	3.1	480	2.6	-70	40	19,450	19,340	18,390	110	1,060

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

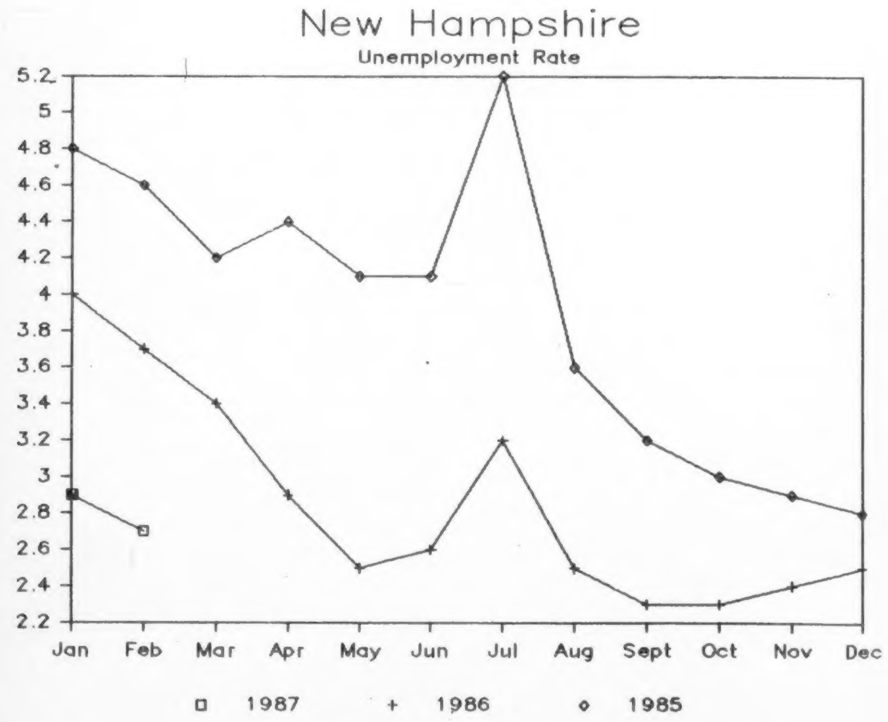
** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - February	330.5			
Percent change from year ago	2.8			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - February	335.9			
Percent change from year ago	3.0			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force,
Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	February 1987	January 1987	February 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	122,850	122,580	117,540	270	5,310
Unemployment Percent	3,500	3,760	3,870	-260	-370
of Labor Force	2.8	3.1	3.3	xxx	xxx
Employment Total	119,350	118,820	113,670	530	5,680
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	103,500	103,400	98,450	100	5,050
Manufacturing	20,050	20,200	21,050	-150	-1,000
Durable Goods	12,150	12,200	12,500	-50	-350
Nondurable Goods	7,900	8,000	8,550	-100	-650
Nonmanufacturing	83,450	83,200	77,400	250	6,050
Construction (inc mining)	4,950	5,050	4,350	-100	600
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	2,650	2,750	2,450	-100	200
Trade	27,000	27,150	23,750	-150	3,250
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,050	6,000	5,350	50	700
Services	18,100	17,900	16,650	200	1,450
Government	24,700	24,350	24,850	350	-150
Federal	10,400	10,350	11,150	50	-750
State	5,450	5,150	5,150	300	300
Local	8,850	8,850	8,550	0	300

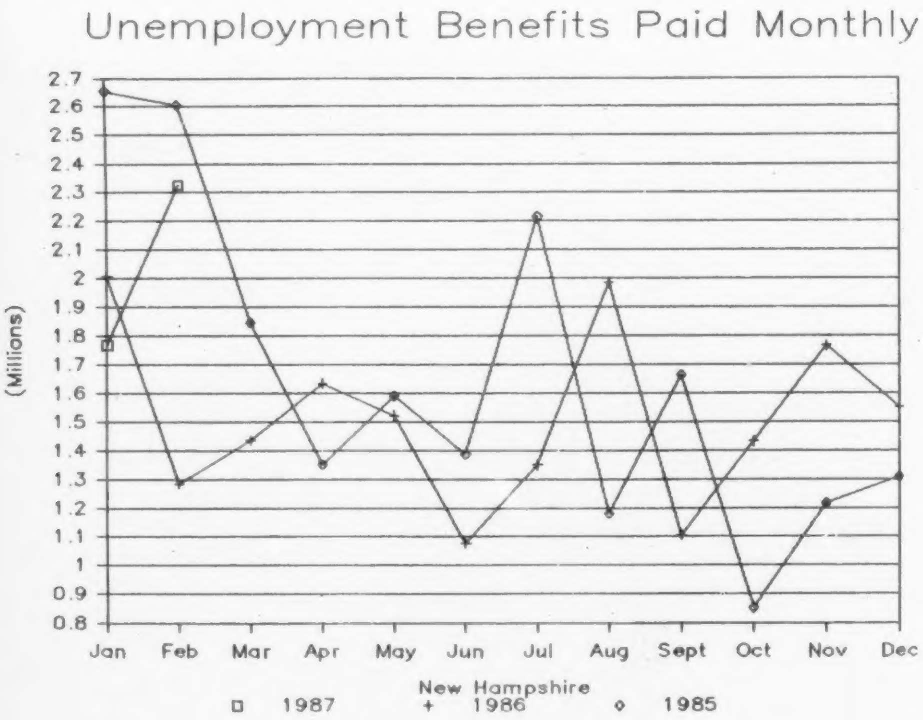
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
Industry	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Manufacturing	$367.23	$359.06	$355.04	39.7	39.5	40.3	$9.25	$9.09	$8.81
Durable Goods	405.55	402.12	410.48	40.8	40.7	42.1	9.94	9.88	9.75
Nondurable - Goods	310.52	295.19	280.46	38.1	37.7	37.9	8.15	7.83	7.40

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
50%	13,800	38

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,987	13,955	3	24	2	23	24	66	6	15
Berlin	124	643	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
Claremont	113	555	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concord	201	970	0	3	0	0	2	9	0	0
Conway	52	238	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Dover	420	2,335	0	6	0	3	6	8	3	5
Keene	135	548	0	0	1	16	2	6	0	0
Laconia	257	1,029	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Lebanon	53	204	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Littleton	111	509	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	0
Manchester	589	2,279	1	3	0	2	3	6	1	1
Nashua	304	1,214	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Portsmouth	242	1,589	1	1	0	0	4	21	1	5
Salem	150	413	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	236	1,429	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.82



__Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month__

$137,661,165.70

__Net contributions received during month:__

$ 1,545,830.74

__Net benefits paid during month:__

$ 2,326,425.75

__Interest Received:__

$ 3,286,755.86

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
All manufacturing	$374.75	$375.72	$351.82	41.5	41.7	41.1	$9.03	$9.01	$8.56
Durable goods	391.43	391.28	364.27	42.5	42.3	41.3	9.21	9.25	8.82
Lumber & wood prods.	293.31	303.55	260.14	38.9	40.8	38.2	7.54	7.44	6.81
Furniture & fixtures	295.51	291.99	272.74	41.1	41.3	39.3	7.19	7.07	6.94
Stone & clay prods.	375.76	368.41	350.70	44.0	42.2	41.7	8.54	8.73	8.41
Primary metal prods.	446.43	443.41	400.20	46.6	45.2	41.3	9.58	9.81	9.69
Fab. metal prods.	382.54	390.85	341.99	41.4	42.3	39.4	9.24	9.24	8.68
Mach. (exc. elec.)	421.12	419.33	403.15	44.8	44.8	44.4	9.40	9.36	9.08
Electrical prods.	414.83	410.35	374.22	42,2	41,2	40.5	9.83	9.96	9.24
Miscellaneous prods.	286.05	282.36	274.51	38.5	39.0	38.5	7.43	7.24	7.13
Other durables	374.95	381.19	379.81	40.8	40.9	41.6	9.19	9.32	9.13
Nondurable goods	339.62	341.74	328.44	39.4	40.3	40.8	8.62	8.48	8.05
Food & kindred prods.	409.83	399.02	378.51	38.7	40.8	40.7	10.59	9.78	9.30
Textile mill prods.	319.60	332.21	304.08	41.4	42.7	42.0	7.72	7.78	7.24
Apparel	227.76	234.00	226.98	36.5	37.5	38.8	6.24	6.24	5.85
Paper & allied prods.	449.37	457.77	450.78	45.3	46.1	47.5	9.92	9.93	9.49
Print., pub. & allied	347.44	356.66	337.90	37.4	38.6	39.2	9.29	9.24	8.62
Leather & lea. prods.	202.30	200.91	191.61	34.7	34.7	34.4	5.83	5.79	5.57
Footwear	184.00	184.76	179.14	33.7	33.9	33.8	5.46	5.45	5.30
Other nondurables	366.40	364.90	359.96	40.0	41.0	42.1	9.16	8.90	8.55

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 33%

Total Production Workers: 82,300

Firms Reporting: 255

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
All manufacturing	$373.41	$373.32	$345.54	40.5	40.8	40.7	$9.22	$9.15	$8.49
Durable goods	392.76	393.19	358.38	41.3	41.0	39.6	9.51	9.59	9.05
Mach. & elec. prods.	410.77	403.10	360.45	42.7	41.6	40.5	9.62	9.69	8.90
Other durables	373.72	381.64	356.13	39.8	40.3	38.5	9.39	9.47	9.25
Nondurable goods	339.78	340.61	324.02	39.1	40.5	42.3	8.69	8.41	7.66
Textiles & apparel	296.40	303.48	295.54	40.0	40.9	42.1	7.41	7.42	7.02
Other nondurables	360.06	355.37	335.38	38.8	40.2	42.4	9.28	8.84	7.91

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 42%

Total Production Workers: 9,900

Firms Reporting: 47

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
All manufacturing	$466.07	$469.11	$408.87	41.8	42.3	41.3	$11.15	$11.09	$9.90
Durable goods	486.21	488.91	412.10	42.8	43.0	41.5	11.36	11.37	9.93
Mach. & elec. prods.	520.33	524.52	439.94	42.2	42.3	41.7	12.33	12.40	10.55
Other durables	406.95	405.84	344.81	43.9	44.5	41.0	9.27	9.12	8.41
Nondurable goods	393.34	393.43	397.23	38.3	39.7	40.7	10.27	9.91	9.76

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 34%

Total Production Workers: 19,700

Firms Reporting: 31

NEW HAMPSHIRE 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	472,000	472,350	474,450	478,900	487,500	498,000	494,000	496,500	496,700	497,700	496,850	499,650	488,700
MANUFACTURING	120,100	120,200	119,800	118,800	118,500	119,100	114,300	117,300	116,900	117,350	117,400	117,700	118,100
DURABLE GOODS	82,850	82,850	82,900	82,400	82,200	82,600	80,200	81,150	80,800	80,950	80,900	80,850	81,700
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	5,900	5,900	5,950	5,750	5,700	5,950	5,750	5,950	5,800	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,850
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	1,600	1,650	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,550	1,550	1,600	1,550
STONE & CLAY & GLASS	3,050	3,000	3,050	3,200	3,200	3,250	3,200	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,300	3,200
PRIMARY METAL PRODS.	4,350	4,300	4,300	4,250	4,250	4,250	*4,050	*3,700	*3,700	*4,050	*4,100	*4,250	4,100
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	7,000	6,950	6,900	6,950	6,900	6,900	6,400	6,650	6,750	6,750	6,700	6,750	6,800
MACHINERY	25,600	25,600	25,600	25,450	25,450	25,650	25,100	25,300	24,900	24,700	24,450	24,000	25,150
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	24,000	24,100	24,150	23,950	23,850	23,750	23,050	23,500	23,600	23,550	23,600	23,650	23,750
MISCELLANEOUS PRODS.	2,150	2,150	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,050	1,950	2,000	1,950	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,050
OTHER DURABLES	9,200	9,200	9,250	9,250	9,250	9,300	9,200	9,300	9,350	9,250	9,350	9,400	9,250
NONDURABLE GOODS	37,250	37,350	36,900	36,400	36,300	36,500	34,100	36,150	36,100	36,400	36,500	36,850	36,400
FOOD	2,800	2,850	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,100	2,900	3,200	3,150	3,100	3,050	3,150	3,000
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	3,500	3,550	3,500	3,500	3,450	3,500	3,150	3,500	3,550	3,700	3,650	3,750	3,500
APPAREL	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,150	2,450	2,400	2,400	2,450	2,450	2,400
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	5,600	5,650	5,650	5,600	5,600	5,700	5,550	5,500	5,450	5,450	5,400	5,500	5,550
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	7,250	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,150	7,150	7,400	7,500	7,550	7,650	7,350
LEATHER PRODUCTS	5,300	5,250	5,100	4,750	4,600	4,550	3,650	4,500	4,400	4,500	4,650	4,600	4,650
OTHER NONDURABLES	10,400	10,350	10,150	10,000	10,000	10,100	9,550	9,850	9,750	9,750	9,750	9,750	9,950
NONMANUFACTURING	351,900	352,150	354,650	360,100	369,000	378,900	379,700	379,200	379,800	380,350	379,450	381,950	370,600
MINING	350	400	450	550	600	600	600	650	600	600	600	500	550
CONSTRUCTION	31,900	31,250	31,550	33,950	36,200	37,850	37,650	35,450	34,950	35,000	34,300	34,200	34,500
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	16,050	16,000	16,050	16,050	16,500	16,850	16,600	16,650	17,350	17,400	17,450	17,500	16,700
TRADE-WHOLESALE	19,750	19,850	20,050	20,300	20,450	20,900	20,800	20,950	20,800	20,700	20,550	20,550	20,450
TRADE-RETAIL	93,100	92,550	93,350	95,050	98,000	101,900	103,200	104,400	103,900	104,150	105,150	107,150	100,150
FIN., INS. & REAL ESTATE	26,800	26,800	27,100	27,600	28,000	28,550	29,100	29,350	29,150	29,200	29,400	29,700	28,400
SERVICES & OTHER	102,500	103,200	103,450	103,750	106,200	109,900	113,800	113,700	110,500	110,000	108,100	108,250	107,800
GOVERNMENT	61,450	62,100	62,650	62,850	63,050	62,350	57,950	58,050	62,550	63,300	63,900	64,100	62,050
FEDERAL	8,000	8,100	8,100	8,250	8,200	8,300	8,250	8,300	8,300	8,400	8,350	8,400	8,250
STATE	16,600	16,700	16,900	17,150	17,200	15,950	15,700	15,850	16,650	17,150	17,500	17,600	16,750
LOCAL	36,850	37,300	37,650	37,450	37,650	38,100	34,000	33,900	37,600	37,750	38,050	38,100	37,050
WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED (SIC 33-PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS)							*350	*350	*350	*350	*350	*300	

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURE	447,600	445,450	449,100	455,950	463,150	473,900	470,950	475,200	474,650	476,600	477,300	482,750	466,050
MANUFACTURING	125,200	123,900	124,000	123,150	122,850	123,650	119,600	121,100	120,750	121,700	121,800	122,250	122,500
DURABLE GOODS	86,150	85,200	85,400	84,500	84,450	84,850	83,400	83,300	82,700	83,300	83,350	83,850	84,200
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	5,600	5,550	5,600	5,550	5,700	5,900	5,800	6,000	5,900	5,950	6,000	6,000	5,800
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	1,600	1,550	1,600	1,600	1,550	1,500	1,500	1,550	1,550	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,550
STONE & CLAY & GLASS	2,950	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,100	3,050	3,050	3,000
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	4,450	4,350	4,400	4,450	4,450	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,350	4,400	4,400	4,450	4,450
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	7,600	7,450	7,400	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,000	7,200	7,200	7,200	7,250	7,350	7,250
MACHINERY	25,900	25,850	26,200	25,950	25,900	25,950	25,400	25,250	25,400	25,450	25,400	25,500	25,700
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	27,250	26,750	26,450	26,100	25,900	25,900	25,400	25,000	24,550	24,700	24,650	24,700	25,600
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS	2,100	2,100	2,150	2,200	2,250	2,200	2,150	2,250	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200
OTHER DURABLES	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,650	8,650	8,750	8,600	8,500	8,400	8,600	8,700	8,900	8,650
NONDURABLE GOODS	39,050	38,700	38,600	38,650	38,400	38,800	36,200	37,800	38,050	38,400	38,450	38,400	38,300
FOOD	3,200	3,050	3,000	3,000	2,950	3,000	3,050	3,000	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,050	3,000
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	3,950	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,650	3,700	3,350	3,500	3,550	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,650
APPAREL	2,500	2,550	2,550	2,550	2,500	2,550	2,250	2,500	2,450	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,450
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	5,700	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,550	5,700	5,300	5,350	5,400	5,600	5,550	5,650	5,600
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	7,300	7,300	7,250	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,300	7,250	7,400	7,400	7,250	7,300
LEATHER PRODUCTS	5,550	5,400	5,400	5,200	5,500	5,600	4,950	5,500	5,600	5,600	5,650	5,550	5,450
OTHER NONDURABLES	10,850	10,950	10,950	11,150	10,950	10,950	10,100	10,650	10,900	11,000	10,950	10,900	10,850
NONMANUFACTURING	322,400	321,550	325,100	332,800	340,300	350,250	351,350	354,100	353,900	354,900	355,500	360,500	343,550
MINING	350	300	350	450	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	450
CONSTRUCTION	24,350	23,800	24,800	28,100	30,700	32,800	34,000	34,800	34,100	34,700	34,350	33,900	30,850
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	15,200	15,300	15,250	15,350	15,600	16,000	15,600	15,750	16,300	16,300	16,250	16,300	15,750
TRADE-WHOLESALE	18,500	18,500	18,600	19,250	19,450	19,800	19,450	19,600	19,350	19,500	19,500	19,750	19,250
TRADE-RETAIL	86,000	85,050	86,350	88,900	91,300	94,600	95,600	95,850	94,950	95,000	96,650	99,100	92,450
FIN., INS. & REAL ESTATE	24,000	24,150	24,300	24,750	25,100	25,650	26,100	26,300	25,950	26,000	26,250	26,550	25,450
SERVICES & OTHER	94,350	94,000	94,600	95,050	96,750	100,700	104,300	105,750	102,950	102,000	99,850	101,650	99,350
GOVERNMENT	59,650	60,450	60,850	60,950	60,900	60,200	55,800	55,550	59,800	60,900	62,150	62,750	60,000
FEDERAL	7,400	7,450	7,450	7,650	7,450	7,650	7,700	7,700	7,600	7,600	7,650	7,800	7,600
STATE	16,300	16,650	16,700	16,600	16,700	15,650	15,600	15,600	16,350	16,700	16,950	16,900	16,400
LOCAL	35,950	36,300	36,700	36,700	36,750	36,900	32,500	32,250	35,850	36,600	37,550	38,050	36,000
WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED							50	300	50	50			

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Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.1	40.6	40.8	40.6	40.3	40.5	39.9	40.3	41.1	40.9	41.1	41.6	40.7
DURABLE GOODS	41.6	41.1	41.2	41.0	40.6	40.6	39.8	40.5	41.2	41.0	41.3	42.1	41.0
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	40.1	39.6	39.9	39.7	39.8	39.7	37.8	40.0	39.5	39.9	39.3	39.3	39.5
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	40.5	41.0	39.6	39.0	36.9	37.9	39.6	39.4	40.6	39.7	39.3	42.3	39.7
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	43.3	41.2	40.3	42.4	42.2	42.2	41.2	42.8	41.8	42.0	41.4	43.0	42.0
PRIMARY METALS	42.4	40.8	41.9	41.5	40.7	40.8	40.5	40.8	41.8	41.6	43.5	40.6	41.4
FABRICATED METALS	40.4	39.9	40.1	39.7	39.9	40.5	38.6	40.2	41.0	41.0	41.2	42.0	40.4
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	44.2	44.0	43.8	43.6	43.4	43.3	41.8	42.3	43.4	42.9	43.8	45.3	43.5
ELEC. & ELEC. EQUIP.	40.3	39.5	39.7	39.4	38.7	38.6	38.8	39.1	40.1	39.9	40.0	40.6	39.6
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	40.1	40.7	41.8	42.3	42.9	38.3	37.1	38.5	38.5	38.8	37.5	37.8	39.5
OTHER DURABLES	41.3	41.3	41.6	40.7	40.0	41.1	40.6	40.4	41.2	40.7	41.5	42.7	41.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.1	39.6	40.0	39.9	39.9	40.3	40.2	40.1	40.9	40.7	40.6	40.8	40.3
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	40.7	40.3	41.7	40.6	42.0	41.9	43.3	42.2	41.5	41.2	41.5	40.6	41.4
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	40.5	40.5	40.1	39.3	39.1	39.0	37.8	39.3	41.4	41.3	40.7	41.1	40.0
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	37.2	36.8	37.2	36.6	36.3	37.0	35.5	37.3	36.8	36.2	36.3	36.6	36.7
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	46.1	45.6	45.9	47.1	46.9	48.5	47.5	46.8	48.0	46.9	47.6	48.4	47.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	38.6	38.8	38.7	38.0	38.6	38.5	38.9	39.1	39.9	39.1	37.9	40.3	38.9
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	35.3	33.3	34.0	34.8	35.7	37.1	36.7	36.9	36.8	36.9	37.0	36.7	36.0
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	34.6	32.5	33.1	34.0	35.4	36.8	36.5	36.5	36.4	36.6	36.6	36.1	35.5
OTHER NONDURABLES	41.2	40.6	41.4	40.8	40.3	40.0	40.3	40.0	41.2	41.6	41.7	40.8	40.8

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Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.13	$8.21	$8.26	$8.26	$8.30	$8.42	$8.47	$8.44	$8.43	$8.49	$8.61	$8.64	$8.39
DURABLE GOODS	8.33	8.45	8.50	8.52	8.56	8.70	8.71	8.75	8.72	8.78	8.87	8.91	8.65
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	6.66	6.70	6.67	6.59	6.66	6.68	6.53	6.74	6.60	6.66	6.66	6.77	6.66
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	6.87	6.91	6.85	6.86	7.13	7.19	7.27	7.26	7.07	7.11	6.94	6.91	7.02
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	7.89	7.84	7.99	8.03	8.02	8.04	7.85	8.13	8.00	8.00	8.31	8.21	8.03
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	8.37	8.45	8.76	8.90	8.83	8.91	9.04	9.14	9.20	9.41	9.45	9.50	9.00
FABRICATED METALS	7.50	7.72	7.81	7.84	7.89	8.08	7.94	8.36	8.39	8.38	8.37	8.56	8.07
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	8.68	8.78	8.81	8.72	8.82	9.05	8.91	8.93	8.95	8.98	9.14	9.16	8.91
ELEC. & ELEC. EQUIP.	8.88	9.09	9.14	9.24	9.32	9.47	9.61	9.56	9.45	9.56	9.67	9.66	9.38
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	6.54	6.57	6.63	6.77	6.51	6.56	6.67	6.69	6.74	6.74	6.77	6.99	6.68
OTHER DURABLES	8.68	8.68	8.72	8.78	8.77	8.85	8.97	9.03	9.04	9.16	9.11	9.13	8.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.70	7.72	7.75	7.75	7.77	7.86	7.98	7.82	7.87	7.94	8.10	8.12	7.86
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	8.84	8.92	8.96	8.84	9.40	9.36	9.31	9.14	9.27	9.25	9.95	9.76	9.25
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	6.87	6.87	6.87	6.81	6.89	7.03	7.09	7.03	7.02	7.11	7.07	7.18	6.98
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	5.50	5.56	5.67	5.72	5.74	5.86	5.68	5.84	5.61	5.79	5.81	5.81	5.71
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	9.33	9.23	9.27	9.33	9.23	9.28	9.30	9.21	9.34	9.37	9.50	9.47	9.32
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	7.88	8.04	7.99	8.01	8.05	8.22	8.30	8.21	8.15	8.24	8.69	8.76	8.22
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	5.37	5.45	5.56	5.49	5.48	5.50	5.52	5.43	5.50	5.50	5.56	5.58	5.49
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	5.11	5.18	5.30	5.20	5.22	5.21	5.20	5.17	5.26	5.26	5.32	5.32	5.23
OTHER NONDURABLES	8.29	8.20	8.22	8.21	8.27	8.38	8.63	8.45	8.56	8.64	8.69	8.68	8.43

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Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$334.14	$333.33	$337.01	$335.36	$334.49	$341.01	$337.95	$340.13	$346.47	$347.24	$353.87	$359.42	$341.47
DURABLE GOODS	346.53	347.30	350.20	349.32	347.54	353.22	346.66	354.38	359.26	359.98	366.33	375.11	354.65
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	267.07	265.32	266.13	261.62	265.07	265.20	246.83	269.60	260.70	265.73	261.74	266.06	263.07
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	278.24	283.31	271.26	267.54	263.10	272.50	287.89	286.04	287.04	282.27	272.74	292.29	278.69
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	341.64	323.01	322.00	340.47	338.44	339.29	323.42	347.96	334.40	336.00	344.03	353.03	337.26
PRIMARY METALS	354.89	344.76	367.04	369.35	359.38	363.53	366.12	372.91	384.56	391.46	411.08	385.70	372.60
FABRICATED METALS	303.00	308.03	313.18	311.25	314.81	327.24	306.48	336.07	343.99	343.58	344.84	359.52	326.03
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	383.66	386.32	385.88	380.19	382.79	391.87	372.44	377.74	388.43	385.24	400.33	414.95	387.59
ELEC. & ELEC. EQUIP.	357.86	359.06	362.86	364.06	360.68	365.54	372.87	373.80	378.95	381.44	386.80	392.20	371.45
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	262.25	267.40	277.13	286.37	279.28	251.25	247.46	257.57	259.49	261.51	253.88	264.22	263.86
OTHER DURABLES	358.48	358.48	362.75	357.35	350.80	363.74	364.18	364.81	372.45	372.81	378.07	389.85	366.20
NONDURABLE GOODS	308.77	305.71	310.00	309.23	310.02	316.76	320.80	313.58	321.88	323.16	328.86	331.30	316.76
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	359.79	359.48	373.63	358.90	394.80	392.18	403.12	385.71	384.71	381.10	412.93	396.26	382.95
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	278.24	278.24	275.49	267.63	269.40	274.17	268.00	276.28	290.63	293.64	287.75	295.10	279.20
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE	204.60	204.61	210.92	209.35	208.36	216.82	201.64	217.83	206.45	209.60	210.90	212.65	209.56
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	430.11	420.89	425.49	439.44	432.89	450.08	441.75	431.03	448.32	439.45	452.20	458.35	438.97
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	304.17	311.95	309.21	304.38	310.73	316.47	322.87	321.01	325.19	322.18	329.35	353.03	319.76
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	189.56	181.49	189.04	191.05	195.64	204.05	202.58	200.37	202.40	202.95	205.72	204.79	197.64
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	176.81	168.35	175.43	176.80	184.79	191.73	189.80	188.71	191.46	192.52	194.71	192.05	185.67
OTHER NONDURABLES	341.55	332.92	340.31	334.97	333.28	335.20	347.79	338.00	352.67	359.42	362.37	354.14	343.94

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Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.0	41.1	40.9	40.5	40.9	41.3	40.1	40.9	41.6	41.2	42.0	42.5	41.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.2	41.3	41.1	40.7	41.2	41.6	39.6	40.7	41.8	41.3	42.3	43.1	41.3
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	38.6	38.2	38.4	38.5	39.5	39.7	37.5	39.7	39.9	39.5	40.0	40.8	39.2
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	40.3	39.3	39.4	40.7	39.7	39.2	38.8	40.0	39.6	38.3	41.5	44.3	40.1
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	42.4	41.7	40.6	41.1	42.6	41.7	42.5	41.7	42.1	41.8	42.6	42.7	42.0
PRIMARY METALS	39.0	41.3	41.7	42.9	43.7	42.7	41.0	40.7	44.5	44.6	45.9	44.2	42.7
FABRICATED METALS	40.4	39.4	39.1	39.6	39.1	39.4	36.6	38.8	40.1	39.9	38.9	41.6	39.4
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	44.2	44.4	44.0	43.7	43.8	44.0	41.8	42.3	42.7	43.4	44.9	45.5	43.7
ELEC. & ELEC. PRODS.	40.4	40.5	40.6	38.9	40.6	42.0	38.9	40.2	41.8	40.7	41.8	43.1	40.8
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	39.5	38.5	36.3	38.3	38.0	38.5	37.8	39.1	39.4	39.0	40.5	39.0	38.6
OTHER DURABLES	41.1	41.6	41.3	40.7	39.8	39.3	39.7	41.6	42.1	40.6	41.9	42.1	41.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.6	40.8	40.5	40.0	40.3	40.7	41.1	41.1	41.4	40.9	41.4	41.1	40.8
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	42.7	40.7	42.6	41.1	41.7	43.4	44.8	42.8	43.1	41.2	43.2	41.5	42.4
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	42.0	42.0	41.1	41.7	40.8	40.2	39.6	41.3	41.9	42.4	41.8	41.5	41.4
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	37.1	38.8	37.2	36.6	37.0	37.4	38.4	38.2	38.0	37.7	38.2	37.5	37.6
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	45.7	47.5	47.2	47.0	47.6	47.9	48.1	48.3	47.2	48.2	48.5	48.9	47.7
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	39.6	39.2	39.1	38.0	37.5	37.9	37.5	39.1	39.1	38.5	39.6	38.5	38.6
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	35.1	34.4	34.2	32.8	35.7	35.7	39.2	36.8	37.1	35.9	37.4	36.0	35.7
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	34.5	33.8	33.1	31.6	35.1	34.9	39.6	36.6	36.7	35.2	36.9	35.3	35.1
OTHER NONDURABLES	41.5	42.1	41.4	41.4	40.9	41.4	40.8	41.2	42.3	41.3	41.2	42.1	41.5

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Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.59	$8.56	$8.73	$8.75	$8.78	$8.76	$8.93	$8.80	$8.83	$8.90	$8.97	$9.04	$8.80
DURABLE GOODS	8.90	8.82	9.00	8.98	9.06	8.99	9.20	9.08	9.11	9.16	9.21	9.26	9.06
LUMBER & WOOD PRODS.	6.75	6.81	6.84	6.82	6.91	6.93	6.95	7.11	7.22	7.22	7.21	7.31	7.01
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	6.77	6.94	7.00	6.96	7.22	7.15	7.11	7.16	7.13	7.06	7.19	7.30	7.08
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	8.33	8.41	8.30	8.54	8.69	8.60	8.54	8.67	8.61	8.57	8.67	8.62	8.55
PRIMARY METALS	9.43	9.69	9.57	9.56	9.50	9.51	9.27	9.49	9.55	9.83	9.81	9.55	9.57
FABRICATED METALS	8.74	8.68	8.77	8.68	8.82	9.00	8.93	8.87	8.89	8.90	9.03	9.10	8.86
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	9.07	9.08	9.23	9.24	9.32	8.96	9.46	9.45	9.44	9.29	9.34	9.26	9.26
ELEC. & ELEC. EQUIP.	9.66	9.24	9.75	9.69	9.83	9.89	10.20	9.84	9.86	9.93	9.98	10.24	9.84
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	7.14	7.13	6.98	6.96	6.95	7.03	7.24	6.93	7.19	7.20	7.52	7.23	7.12
OTHER DURABLES	9.09	9.13	9.08	9.06	8.99	8.97	9.07	8.85	8.78	9.19	9.20	9.20	9.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.97	8.05	8.17	8.26	8.21	8.27	8.36	8.24	8.27	8.36	8.47	8.57	8.26
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	9.18	9.30	9.35	9.99	9.80	9.52	9.56	9.26	9.28	9.46	10.63	10.03	9.61
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	7.07	7.24	7.27	7.26	7.31	7.51	7.61	7.49	7.49	7.53	7.48	7.58	7.40
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	5.90	5.85	5.95	5.92	5.90	5.98	5.88	5.92	6.11	6.14	6.19	6.13	5.99
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	9.38	9.49	9.58	9.63	9.63	9.60	9.85	9.83	9.88	9.91	10.02	9.86	9.72
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	8.57	8.62	8.81	8.85	9.05	9.09	9.20	8.96	8.91	9.15	9.03	9.65	8.99
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	5.52	5.57	5.66	5.75	5.78	5.87	5.88	5.76	5.88	5.93	5.88	5.82	5.77
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	5.25	5.30	5.31	5.36	5.42	5.53	5.58	5.45	5.58	5.64	5.59	5.52	5.45
OTHER NONDURABLES	8.51	8.55	8.65	8.65	8.41	8.52	8.42	8.55	8.53	8.63	8.81	8.99	8.60

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$352.19	$351.82	$357.06	$354.38	$359.10	$361.79	$358.09	$359.92	$367.33	$366.68	$376.74	$384.20	$362.56
DURABLE GOODS	366.68	364.27	369.90	365.49	373.27	373.98	364.32	369.56	380.80	378.31	389.58	399.11	374.18
LUMBER & WOODS PRODS.	260.55	260.14	262.66	262.57	272.95	275.12	260.63	282.27	288.08	285.19	288.40	298.25	274.79
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	272.83	272.74	275.80	283.27	286.63	280.28	275.87	286.40	282.35	270.40	298.39	323.39	283.91
STONE, GLASS & CLAY	353.19	350.70	336.98	350.99	370.19	358.62	362.95	361.54	362.48	358.23	369.34	368.07	359.10
PRIMARY METALS	367.77	400.20	399.07	410.12	415.15	406.08	380.07	386.24	424.98	438.42	450.28	422.11	408.64
FABRICATED METALS	353.10	341.99	342.91	343.73	344.86	354.60	326.84	344.16	356.49	355.11	351.27	378.56	349.08
MACHINERY (EXC. ELEC.)	400.89	403.15	406.12	403.79	408.22	394.24	395.43	399.74	403.09	403.19	419.37	421.33	404.66
ELEC. & ELEC. PRODS.	390.26	374.22	395.85	376.94	399.10	415.38	396.78	395.57	412.15	404.15	417.16	441.34	401.47
MISC. MFG. INDUSTRIES	282.03	274.51	253.37	266.57	264.10	270.66	273.67	270.96	283.29	280.80	304.56	281.97	274.83
OTHER DURABLES	373.60	379.81	375.00	368.74	357.80	352.52	360.08	368.16	369.64	373.11	385.48	387.32	371.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	323.58	328.44	330.89	330.40	330.86	336.59	343.60	338.66	342.38	341.92	350.66	352.23	337.01
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	391.99	378.51	398.31	410.59	408.66	413.17	428.29	396.33	399.97	389.75	459.22	416.22	407.46
TEXTILE MILL PRODS.	296.94	304.08	298.80	302.74	298.25	301.90	301.36	309.34	313.83	319.27	312.66	314.57	306.36
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	218.89	226.98	221.34	216.67	218.30	223.65	225.79	226.14	232.18	231.48	236.46	229.88	225.22
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	428.67	450.78	452.18	452.61	458.39	459.84	473.79	474.79	466.34	477.66	485.97	482.15	463.64
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	339.37	337.90	344.47	336.30	339.38	344.51	345.00	350.34	348.38	352.28	357.59	371.53	347.01
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	193.75	191.61	193.57	188.60	206.35	209.56	230.50	211.97	218.15	212.89	219.91	209.52	205.99
FOOTWEAR (EXC. RUBBER)	181.13	179.14	175.76	169.38	190.24	193.00	220.97	199.47	204.79	198.53	206.27	194.86	191.30
OTHER NONDURABLES	353.17	359.96	358.11	358.11	343.97	352.73	343.54	352.26	360.82	356.42	362.97	378.48	356.90

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MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURE	81,650	81,200	81,600	82,400	83,000	83,850	82,400	83,000	83,700	85,000	85,700	85,900	83,300
MANUFACTURING	14,550	14,400	14,200	14,100	13,950	13,850	13,150	13,650	13,600	13,650	13,550	13,400	13,850
DURABLE GOODS	8,800	8,750	8,700	8,600	8,550	8,400	8,000	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,150	8,100	8,400
MACHINERY & ELECT. PRODS.	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,100	5,050	4,900	4,600	4,750	4,700	4,750	4,650	4,600	4,900
OTHER DURABLES	3,600	3,550	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,400	3,450	3,500	3,450	3,500	3,500	3,500
NONDURABLE GOODS	5,750	5,650	5,500	5,500	5,400	5,450	5,150	5,450	5,400	5,450	5,400	5,300	5,450
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1,550	1,550	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,250	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
OTHER NONDURABLES	4,200	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,950	3,900	3,950	3,900	3,950	3,900	3,800	3,950
NONMANUFACTURING	67,100	66,800	67,400	68,300	69,050	70,000	69,250	69,350	70,100	71,350	72,150	72,500	69,450
MINING	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
CONSTRUCTION	5,000	4,850	4,900	5,150	5,400	5,650	6,000	6,100	6,000	6,200	6,100	6,000	5,600
TRANS., COMM., & UTIL.	4,750	4,750	4,750	4,650	4,750	4,750	4,800	4,850	4,850	4,900	4,950	4,900	4,800
TRADE	21,800	21,400	21,450	21,800	21,900	22,150	21,950	21,900	22,150	22,800	23,300	23,950	22,200
FIN., INS., & REAL ESTATE	7,300	7,350	7,400	7,700	7,750	7,800	7,900	7,950	8,050	8,100	8,050	8,150	7,800
SERVICES & OTHER	20,400	20,500	20,850	20,950	21,200	21,500	21,200	21,200	21,200	21,400	21,650	21,500	21,150
GOVERNMENT	7,800	7,900	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,100	7,350	7,300	7,800	7,900	8,050	7,950	7,850
FEDERAL	2,300	2,350	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,450	2,500	2,450	2,550	2,450
STATE	800	850	800	800	800	800	800	800	850	850	850	850	800
LOCAL	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,900	4,150	4,050	4,500	4,550	4,750	4,550	4,600

WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED

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MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURE	77,500	76,900	77,350	78,800	79,400	80,250	79,450	80,000	80,600	81,750	82,800	83,700	79,850
MANUFACTURING	15,550	15,300	15,300	15,500	15,600	15,500	15,000	15,250	15,100	14,900	14,850	14,900	15,250
DURABLE GOODS	9,300	9,200	9,100	9,150	9,200	9,200	9,050	9,050	9,000	8,900	8,900	8,950	9,100
MACHINERY & ELECT. PRODS.	5,900	5,850	5,800	5,850	5,850	5,800	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,600	5,550	5,550	5,750
OTHER DURABLES	3,400	3,350	3,300	3,300	3,350	3,400	3,350	3,350	3,300	3,300	3,350	3,400	3,350
NONDURABLE GOODS	6,250	6,100	6,200	6,350	6,400	6,300	5,950	6,200	6,100	6,000	5,950	5,950	6,150
TEXTILES & APPAREL	1,650	1,650	1,750	1,750	1,700	1,700	1,550	1,600	1,600	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,650
OTHER NONDURABLES	4,600	4,450	4,450	4,600	4,700	4,600	4,400	4,600	4,500	4,450	4,400	4,400	4,500
NONMANUFACTURING	61,950	61,600	62050	63,300	63,800	64,750	64,450	64,750	65,500	66,850	67,950	68,800	64,600
MINING	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
CONSTRUCTION	3,850	3,800	3,900	4,250	4,600	4,900	5,050	5,200	5,100	5,400	5,300	5,300	4,750
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	4,700	4,750	4,650	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,850	4,800	4,900	4,950	5,000	4,800
TRADE-WHOLESALE	5,150	5,150	5,200	5,400	5,350	5,400	5,250	5,250	5,250	5,350	5,250	5,300	5,250
TRADE-RETAIL	15,200	14,900	15,050	15,400	15,600	15,800	15,600	15,500	15,800	16,300	16,950	17,600	15,800
FIN. INS. & REAL ESTATE	6,850	6,900	6,900	6,950	6,900	7,100	7,300	7,300	7,250	7,300	7,300	7,400	7,100
SERVICES & OTHER	18,500	18,450	18,650	18,900	18,900	19,000	19,050	19,400	19,650	20,000	20,250	20,400	19,250
GOVERNMENT	7,650	7,600	7,650	7,750	7,700	7,700	7,350	7,200	7,600	7,600	7,850	7,750	7,600
FEDERAL	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,200	2,100	2,150	2,200	2,150	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,150
STATE	850	800	850	800	800	800	800	750	800	800	800	800	800
LOCAL	4,650	4,650	4,650	4,750	4,800	4,750	4,350	4,300	4,700	4,700	4,900	4,750	4,650

WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	39.9	40.7	40.0	40.0	39.8	40.5	39.1	41.1	41.6	41.0	40.9	41.0	40.5
DURABLE GOODS	38.9	39.6	39.0	39.4	39.2	39.8	38.5	40.3	40.9	40.6	40.4	41.2	39.8
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	40.1	40.5	40.0	40.2	39.9	40.6	38.3	40.0	41.9	41.6	42.3	43.0	40.7
OTHER DURABLE	37.3	38.5	37.7	38.4	38.4	38.8	38.8	40.5	39.7	39.3	38.1	39.0	38.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.5	42.3	41.6	40.9	40.7	41.6	40.1	42.3	42.5	41.8	41.5	40.7	41.5
TEXTILE & APPAREL	40.5	42.1	41.4	41.6	39.2	40.7	39.5	40.2	40.3	40.4	40.7	40.4	40.6
OTHE NONDURABLE	41.9	42.4	41.7	40.6	41.3	42.0	40.2	43.0	43.4	42.3	41.9	40.8	41.8

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.50	$8.49	$8.68	$8.77	$8.80	$8.89	$8.92	$8.79	$8.91	$8.93	$9.04	$9.11	$8.82
DURABLE GOODS	9.08	9.05	9.17	9.29	9.22	9.42	9.59	9.38	9.47	9.51	9.56	9.57	9.36
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	9.08	8.90	9.13	9.10	9.10	9.35	9.32	9.06	9.25	9.34	9.43	9.54	9.21
OTHER DURABLE	9.09	9.25	9.22	9.54	9.36	9.52	9.90	9.78	9.76	9.72	9.73	9.61	9.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.65	7.66	7.94	7.98	8.14	8.09	7.92	7.94	8.06	8.07	8.26	8.39	8.00
TEXTILE AND APPAREL	6.95	7.02	7.26	7.26	7.19	7.39	7.26	7.27	7.36	7.25	7.32	7.36	7.24
OTHER NONDURABLE	7.91	7.91	8.20	8.27	8.50	8.37	8.12	8.18	8.32	8.37	8.63	8.81	8.29

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$339.15	$345.54	$347.20	$350.80	$350.24	$360.05	$348.77	$361.27	$370.66	$366.13	$369.74	$373.51	$357.21
DURABLE GOODS	353.21	358.38	357.63	366.03	361.42	374.92	369.22	378.01	387.32	386.11	386.22	394.28	372.53
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	364.11	360.45	365.20	365.82	363.09	379.61	356.96	362.40	387.58	388.54	398.89	410.22	374.85
OTHER DURABLES	339.06	356.13	347.59	366.34	359.42	369.38	384.12	396.09	387.47	382.00	370.71	374.79	369.20
NONDURABLE GOODS	317.48	324.02	330.30	326.38	331.30	336.54	317.59	335.86	342.55	337.33	342.79	341.47	332.00
TEXTILE & APPAREL	281.48	295.54	300.56	302.02	281.85	300.77	286.77	292.25	296.61	292.90	297.92	297.34	293.94
OTHER NONDURABLES	331.43	335.38	341.94	335.76	351.05	351.54	326.42	351.74	361.09	354.05	361.60	359.45	346.52

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	39.8	39.6	40.0	40.0	39.5	39.5	39.3	39.7	39.9	39.5	40.4	40.8	39.8
DURABLE GOODS	40.2	40.4	40.3	40.5	39.9	39.4	39.5	40.0	39.9	39.1	39.9	41.1	40.0
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	40.7	40.8	40.8	40.2	39.8	39.6	39.3	40.0	39.8	38.7	40.7	42.3	40.2
OTHER DURABLES	39.5	39.8	39.5	41.0	40.0	38.9	39.8	39.9	40.0	39.6	38.9	39.4	39.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.3	38.5	39.4	39.3	39.1	39.6	39.0	39.4	40.1	40.1	41.1	40.2	39.6
TEXTILE & APPAREL	38.7	39.4	40.4	39.6	37.8	39.2	37.4	38.8	39.9	39.4	39.4	40.2	39.2
OTHER NONDURABLE	39.5	38.1	39.1	39.2	39.5	39.8	39.5	39.7	40.1	40.3	41.7	40.3	39.7

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$7.90	$7.98	$8.04	$8.01	$8.01	$8.16	$8.42	$8.28	$8.30	$8.40	$8.48	$8.52	$8.21
DURABLE GOODS	8.45	8.54	8.60	8.62	8.62	8.77	9.12	8.90	8.94	9.03	9.04	9.03	8.80
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	8.48	8.53	8.63	8.67	8.62	8.82	9.20	8.97	8.99	9.14	9.10	9.17	8.85
OTHER DURABLE	8.39	8.56	8.57	8.56	8.61	8.70	9.00	8.80	8.86	8.89	8.97	8.82	8.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.09	7.14	7.22	7.14	7.17	7.32	7.40	7.40	7.41	7.51	7.68	7.75	7.35
TEXTILE & APPAREL	6.58	6.62	6.72	6.68	6.65	6.72	6.62	6.97	6.90	6.91	6.93	6.93	6.77
OTHER NONDURABLE	7.25	7.33	7.41	7.30	7.33	7.52	7.65	7.54	7.58	7.72	7.92	8.04	7.55

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$314.42	$316.01	$321.60	$320.41	$316.40	$322.32	$330.91	$328.72	$331.17	$331.80	$342.59	$347.62	$326.76
DURABLE GOODS	339.69	345.02	346.58	349.11	343.94	345.54	360.24	356.00	356.71	353.07	360.70	371.13	352.00
MACHINERY & ELEC.	345.14	348.02	352.10	348.53	343.08	349.27	361.56	358.80	357.80	353.72	370.37	387.89	355.77
OTHER DURABLES	331.41	340.69	338.52	350.96	344.40	338.43	358.20	351.12	354.40	352.04	348.93	347.51	346.58
NONDURABLE GOODS	278.64	274.89	284.47	280.60	280.35	289.87	288.60	291.56	297.14	301.15	315.65	311.55	291.06
TEXTILE & APPAREL	254.65	260.83	271.49	264.53	251.37	263.42	247.59	270.44	275.31	272.25	273.04	278.59	265.38
OTHER NONDURABLES	286.38	279.27	289.73	286.16	289.54	299.30	302.18	299.34	303.96	311.12	330.26	324.01	299.74

BASED ON MARCH 1985 BENCHMARK

NASHUA NEW HAMPSHIRE 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	84,550	84,950	85,500	85,850	86,550	88,100	86,900	86,700	87,550	88,050	88,150	88,850	86,800
MANUFACTURING	35,900	35,900	35,850	35,650	35,600	36,000	35,850	35,750	35,400	35,400	35,150	35,200	35,650
DURABLE GOODS	29,950	29,800	29,850	29,650	29,600	29,850	29,800	29,600	29,300	29,250	29,000	29,100	29,550
MACHINERY & ELECT. PRODS.	22,750	22,700	22,700	22,650	22,600	22,800	22,850	22,550	22,250	22,300	22,150	22,100	22,550
OTHER DURABLES	7,200	7,100	7,150	7,000	7,000	7,050	6,950	7,050	7,050	6,950	6,850	7,000	7,000
NONDURABLE GOODS	5,950	6,100	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,150	6,050	6,150	6,100	6,150	6,150	6,100	6,100
NONMANUFACTURING	48,650	49,050	49,650	50,200	50,950	52,100	51,050	50,950	52,150	52,650	53,000	53,650	51,150
MINING	100	150	150	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	3,900	3,900	4,000	4,400	4,700	4,900	4,700	4,650	4,750	4,850	4,900	4,850	4,550
TRANS., COMM. & UTIL.	2,150	2,150	2,150	2,100	2,150	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,150	2,200	2,200	2,150
TRADE-WHOLESALE	3,750	3,750	3,800	3,800	3,850	3,950	4,000	3,950	3,950	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,900
TRADE-RETAIL	14,250	14,500	14,750	14,650	14,850	15,100	15,400	15,550	15,750	16,100	16,500	16,950	15,350
FIN., INS. & REAL ESTATE	3,050	3,050	3,100	3,050	3,150	3,250	3,300	3,300	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,150
SERVICES & OTHER	15,400	15,450	15,550	15,950	16,050	16,450	16,150	16,150	16,050	16,150	15,900	16,050	15,950
GOVERNMENT	6,050	6,100	6,150	6,150	6,100	6,150	5,400	5,250	6,100	6,050	6,150	6,250	6,000
FEDERAL	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	800	750
STATE	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
LOCAL	5,050	5,100	5,150	5,150	5,100	5,150	4,400	4,250	5,100	5,050	5,150	5,200	5,000

WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA NEW HAMPSHIRE 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	82,100	81,850	82,500	83,400	84,000	85,400	83,100	83,700	83,650	85,100	85,800	86,400	83,700
MANUFACTURING	38,200	37,950	37,900	37,550	37,500	37,900	36,850	37,100	36,450	36,650	36,600	36,650	37,300
DURABLE GOODS	31,800	31,550	31,500	31,200	31,200	31,500	30,750	30,900	30,250	30,450	30,400	30,550	31,000
MACHINERY & ELECT. PRODS.	24,400	24,200	24,000	23,650	23,550	23,700	23,150	23,200	23,200	22,800	22,750	22,800	23,400
OTHER DURABLES	7,400	7,350	7,500	7,550	7,650	7,800	7,600	7,700	7,600	7,650	7,650	7,750	7,600
NONDURABLE GOODS	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,350	6,300	6,400	6,100	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,100	6,300
NONMANUFACTURING	43,900	43,900	44,600	45,850	46,500	47,500	46,250	46,600	47,200	48,450	49,200	49,750	46,600
MINING	100	100	100	100	150	150	100	150	150	150	150	150	150
CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,100	3,200	3,600	3,850	4,000	4,100	4,050	3,900	4,000	4,050	4,050	3,750
TRANS, COMM., UTIL.	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,050	2,050	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100
TRADE-WHOLESALE	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,650	3,600	3,700	3,650	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,850	3,650
TRADE-RETAIL	13,100	13,050	13,150	13,350	13,500	13,700	13,300	13,350	13,450	14,200	14,600	14,950	13,650
FIN., INS., & REAL ESTATE	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,600	2,650	2,750	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,850	2,850	2,700
SERVICES & OTHER	13,750	13,750	14,200	14,650	14,850	15,200	15,050	15,200	15,100	15,550	15,500	15,700	14,850
GOVERNMENT	5,750	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,900	5,200	5,300	5,900	5,850	6,050	6,000	5,750
FEDERAL	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750
STATE	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
LOCAL	4,800	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,950	4,250	4,350	4,950	4,900	5,100	5,050	4,800

WORKERS ON STRIKE NOT INCLUDED

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.1	41.3	41.7	40.5	41.2	41.4	40.3	41.0	42.2	41.6	43.0	43.7	41.6
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.5	41.8	40.5	41.4	41.7	40.2	41.2	42.6	42.0	43.4	44.4	41.8
MACHINERY & ELEC.	41.2	41.7	42.2	40.4	41.5	42.2	40.0	40.2	41.8	41.6	43.2	44.9	41.7
OTHER DURABLES	41.6	41.0	40.8	40.9	41.0	40.7	40.8	43.6	44.5	43.1	44.0	43.4	42.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.5	40.7	41.2	40.3	40.6	40.0	40.5	40.2	40.5	39.9	41.4	40.6	40.5

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$10.26	$9.90	$10.43	$10.50	$10.48	$10.29	$10.58	$10.47	$10.52	$10.82	$10.85	$11.15	$10.52
DURABLE GOODS	10.41	9.93	10.58	10.58	10.61	10.37	10.73	10.62	10.73	11.02	10.98	11.33	10.66
MACHINERY & ELEC.	11.27	10.55	11.45	11.45	11.51	11.11	11.60	11.61	11.75	11.87	11.82	12.30	11.53
OTHER DURABLE	8.39	8.41	8.44	8.48	8.50	8.56	8.65	8.43	8.44	9.09	9.06	9.08	8.63
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.62	9.76	9.80	10.16	9.92	9.97	9.98	9.87	9.69	9.96	10.29	10.35	9.95

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

PRELIMINARY

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$421.69	$408.87	$434.93	$425.25	$431.78	$426.01	$426.37	$429.27	$443.94	$450.11	$466.55	$487.26	$437.63
DURABLE GOODS	429.93	412.10	442.24	428.49	439.25	432.43	431.35	437.54	457.10	462.84	476.53	503.05	445.59
MACHINERY & ELEC.	464.32	439.94	483.19	462.58	477.67	468.84	464.00	466.72	491.15	493.79	510.62	552.27	480.80
OTHER DURABLES	349.02	344.81	344.35	346.83	348.50	348.39	352.92	367.55	375.58	391.78	398.64	394.07	363.32
NONDURABLE GOODS	389.61	397.23	403.76	409.45	402.75	398.80	404.19	396.77	392.45	397.40	426.01	420.21	402.98

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.5	40.9	41.0	40.6	40.5	40.9	39.8	40.2	41.3	41.1	41.2	41.8	40.9
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	41.3	41.3	40.8	40.9	41.5	40.2	40.6	41.6	41.5	41.8	42.3	41.3
MACHINERY & ELEC.	41.2	40.8	40.7	40.4	40.6	41.2	39.7	40.3	41.4	40.9	41.4	41.5	40.8
OTHER DURABLES	42.4	42.7	42.9	41.7	41.7	42.1	42.1	41.3	42.1	42.6	42.7	44.1	42.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.2	39.2	39.8	39.6	38.8	38.7	38.2	38.5	39.9	39.5	38.7	39.8	39.3

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$9.49	$9.72	$9.69	$9.75	$9.79	$9.94	$9.99	$9.98	$9.88	$10.08	$10.22	$10.19	$9.89
DURABLE GOODS	9.57	9.81	9.80	9.86	9.87	10.05	10.08	10.16	10.02	10.26	10.29	10.28	10.00
MACHINERY & ELEC.	10.33	10.62	10.61	10.67	10.72	10.94	10.97	11.06	10.89	11.16	11.26	11.15	10.86
OTHER DURABLES	7.71	7.85	7.91	7.97	7.91	8.00	8.11	8.19	8.11	8.34	8.23	8.47	8.07
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.14	9.32	9.20	9.26	9.47	9.45	9.56	9.17	9.30	9.33	9.91	9.78	9.40

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

NASHUA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1985

FINAL

Industry	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$393.84	$397.55	$397.29	$395.85	$396.50	$406.55	$397.60	$401.20	$408.04	$414.29	$421.06	$425.94	$404.50
DURABLE GOODS	397.16	405.15	404.74	402.29	403.68	417.08	405.22	412.50	416.83	425.79	430.12	434.84	413.00
MACHINERY & ELEC.	425.60	433.30	431.83	431.07	435.23	450.73	435.51	445.72	450.85	456.44	466.16	462.73	443.09
OTHER DURABLES	326.90	335.20	339.34	332.35	329.85	336.80	334.13	338.25	341.43	355.28	351.42	373.53	340.55
NONDURABLE GOODS	376.57	365.34	366.16	366.70	367.44	365.72	365.19	353.05	371.07	368.54	383.52	389.24	369.42

BASED ON MARCH 1986 BENCHMARK

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category

Period Ending February 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	10,574	4,052	1,832	733	981	359
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,514	489	194	66	208	61
Clerical (20-24)	1,705	1,402	285	231	143	104
Sales (25-29)	483	211	108	34	42	19
Services (3)	1,479	914	269	171	104	49
Farm (4)	143	24	16	5	16	3
Processing (5)	151	50	27	10	21	9
Machine Trade (6)	829	167	126	40	67	11
Benchwork (7)	748	497	166	114	103	74
Structural (8)	2,356	107	377	19	159	6
Miscellaneous (9)	1,120	176	261	42	111	23
Unclassified	46	15	3	1	7	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	February 1987	January 1987	July 1, 1986 To February 28,198
Total applicants for employment	2,493	3,013	21,169
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,607	1,447	16,380
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,433	1,296	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	701	648	7,415

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

MARCH
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Employed persons in New Hampshire increased from 540,860 in February to 551,940 in March, an increase of 11,080 or 2.0 percent. The number of unemployed dropped by 150 during the same period as the unemployment rate went from 2.7 percent in February to 2.6 percent in March. Currently there are 15,000 unemployed persons in New Hampshire, while a year ago there were 18,510 and the unemployment rate was 3.4 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.9 percent in March, 7.2 percent in February, and 7.5 percent a year ago. New Hampshire continues to lead the nation with the lowest unemployment rate as last month's 2.7 rate marked the nineteenth consecutive month of this occurrence. It's reasonable to assume that our current 2.6 unemployment rate will continue this achievement.

The number of unemployed and the rate of unemployment for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 720 (2.9 percent), Claremont LMA 790 (2.1), Concord LMA 1,070 (2.1), Keene LMA 660 (1.7), Laconia LMA 1,260 (2.6), Littleton LMA 360 (2.1), Manchester MSA 1,900 (2.2), Nashua PMSA 2,430 (2.6), Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA 3,270 (2.6), Salem (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) 1,960 (4.1), Unattached Area 720 (3.9), and the town of Pelham (N.H. Portion of the Lowell MA. PMSA) 370 (7.0 percent).

Manufacturing was unchanged from February while substantial employment increases occurred in construction and trade. Improved weather conditions spurred construction activities while trade increased as a result of merchandisers switching over to their spring lines. Construction gained 800 jobs in March while trade added on 350. The average weekly manufacturing wage for March was $376.74 which represented average weekly hours worked of 41.4 at a rate of $9.10. The average hourly rate for durables was $9.30 and for nondurables it was $8.66. While apparel represented the lowest number of average weekly hours worked in manufacturing with 33.6, paper producers represented the highest with 47.2. While nonmanufacturing industries represented 75 percent of all employment in March, trade and services accounted for 62 percent of this or nearly half of all employment.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,500 from February as manufacturing was unchanged and nonmanufacturing gained 1,500 workers. Compared to the year ago level, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 19,150 workers as manufacturing lost 1,850 and nonmanufacturing gained 21,000 during the period. Trade increased by 10,100 workers and services by 5,350.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Month	Year	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Month	Year	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	566,940	556,010	544,300	10,930	22,640	84,710	82,830	81,800	1,880	2,910	93,430	91,410	89,940	2,020	3,490
2. Unemployment	15,000	15,150	18,510	-150	-3,510	1,900	1,930	2,710	-30	-810	2,430	2,380	2,960	50	-530
Percent of labor force	2.6	2.7	3.4	xxx	xxx	2.2	2.3	3.3	xxx	xxx	2.6	2.6	3.3	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	551,640	540,560	525,790	11,080	25,850	82,810	80,900	79,090	1,910	3,720	91,000	89,030	86,980	1,970	4,020
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	300	300	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	493,600	492,100	474,450	1,500	19,150	84,900	84,750	81,600	150	3,300	88,550	87,850	85,500	700	3,050
Manufacturing	117,950	117,950	119,800	0	- 1,850	13,300	13,300	14,200	0	-900	35,250	35,000	35,850	250	-600
Durable goods	81,500	81,400	82,900	100	-1,400	8,350	8,300	8,700	50	-350	29,050	28,850	29,850	200	-800
Lumber & wood prods.	6,000	6,050	5,950	-50	50										
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,600	1,600	50	50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,300	3,250	3,050	50	250										
Primary metal prods.	*4,300	*4,250	4,300	50	0										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,650	6,900	0	-250				Machinery And Electrical Products Combined						
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,700	24,600	25,600	100	-900	4,750	4,700	5,200	50	-450	22,150	22,100	22,700	50	-550
Electrical prods.	23,550	23,700	24,150	-150	-600										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	1,950	2,100	50	-100										
Other durables	9,350	9,350	9,250	0	100	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	100	6,900	6,750	7,150	150	-250
Nondurable goods	36,450	36,550	36,900	-100	-450	4,950	5,000	5,500	-50	-550	6,200	6,150	6,000	50	200
Food & kindred prods.	3,250	3,150	2,800	100	450										
Textile mill prods.	3,900	3,850	3,500	50	400	1,450	1,500	1,500	-50	-50					
Apparel	2,250	2,350	2,400	-100	-150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,350	5,500	5,650	-150	-300										
Print., pub. & allied	7,550	7,550	7,300	0	250										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,450	4,500	5,100	-50	-650										
Other nondurables	9,700	9,650	10,150	50	-450	3,500	3,500	4,000	0	-500					
Nonmanufacturing	375,650	374,150	354,650	1,500	21,000	71,600	71,450	67,400	150	4,200	53,300	52,850	49,650	450	3,650
Construction (inc. min.)	33,000	32,200	32,000	800	1,000	5,750	5,850	4,950	-100	800	5,150	5,050	4,150	100	1,000
Trans., comm. & util.	17,300	17,400	16,050	-100	1,250	4,850	4,800	4,750	50	100	2,150	2,150	2,150	0	0
Trade	123,500	123,150	113,400	350	10,100	23,000	23,100	21,450	-100	1,550	20,400	20,300	18,550	100	1,850
Fin., ins. & real estate	29,650	29,550	27,100	100	2,550	8,250	8,250	7,400	0	850	3,350	3,300	3,100	50	250
Service industry & other	108,800	108,650	103,450	150	5,350	21,800	21,550	20,850	250	950	16,050	15,850	15,550	200	500
Government	63,400	63,200	62,650	200	750	7,950	7,900	8,000	50	-50	6,200	6,200	6,150	0	50
Federal	8,500	8,450	8,100	50	400	2,600	2,500	2,400	100	200	850	850	750	0	100
State	17,050	16,950	16,900	100	150	850	850	800	0	50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,850	37,800	37,650	50	200	4,500	4,550	4,800	-50	-300	5,100	5,100	5,150	0	-50

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:
* Mar. & Feb.
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TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

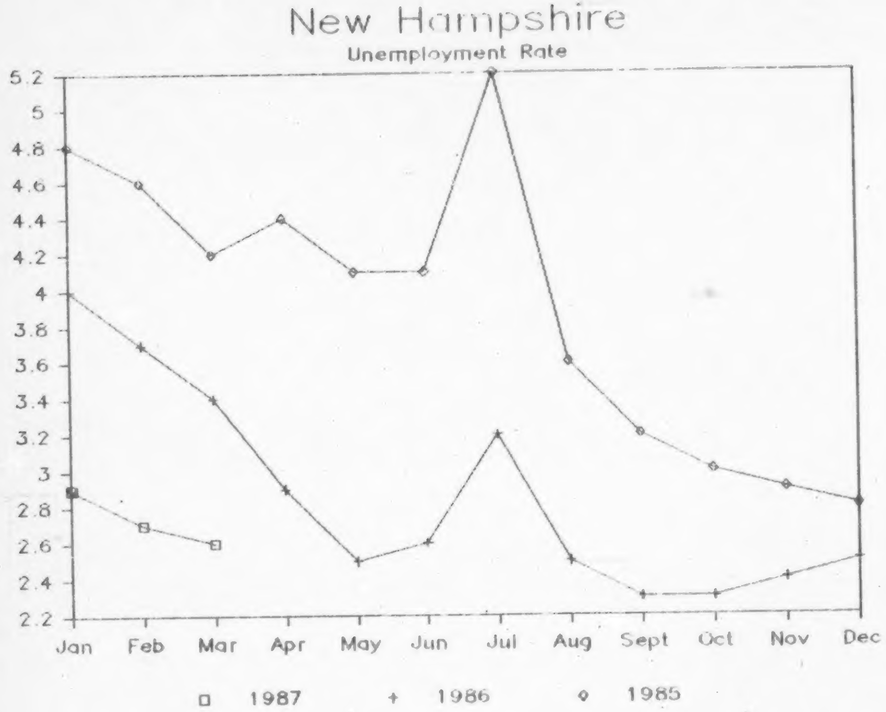
	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	March 1987		February 1987		March 1986		Numerical Change From Previous		March 1987	February 1987	March 1986	Numerical Change From Previous	
Area	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,124	6.9	8,503	7.2	8,667	7.5	-379	-543	118,353	117,464	116,309	889	2,044
NEW HAMPSHIRE	15,000	2.6	15,150	2.7	18,510	3.4	-150	-3,510	566,940	556,010	544,300	10,930	22,640
BERLIN LMA	720	2.9	690	2.8	1,170	4.8	30	-450	25,070	24,670	24,260	400	810
CLAREMONT LMA	790	2.1	780	2.1	760	2.1	10	30	38,070	37,740	35,730	330	2,340
CONCORD LMA	1,070	2.1	1,220	2.4	1,210	2.9	-150	-140	51,930	50,650	49,220	1,280	2,710
KEENE LMA	660	1.7	730	1.9	1,050	2.8	- 70	-390	39,090	38,380	37,760	710	1,330
LACONIA LMA	1,260	2.6	1,200	2.6	1,270	2.7	60	-10	48,420	46,980	46,250	1,440	2,170
LITTLETON LMA	360	2.1	420	2.5	820	4.9	-60	-460	17,000	16,770	16,610	230	390
MANCHESTER MSA	1,900	2.2	1,930	2.3	2,710	3.3	-30	-810	84,710	82,830	81,800	1,880	2,910
NASHUA PMSA	2,430	2.6	2,380	2.6	2,960	3.3	50	-530	93,430	91,410	89,940	2,020	3,490
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	1,960	4.1	1,970	4.1	2,590	5.3	-10	-630	48,380	47,680	48,990	700	-610
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,270	2.6	3,500	2.8	3,560	3.0	-230	-290	124,350	122,850	117,480	1,500	6,870
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	720	3.9	720	4.0	680	3.9	0	40	18,620	18,200	17,500	420	1,120
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	370	7.0	250	4.9	230	4.5	120	140	5,320	5,120	5,150	200	170
County													
BELKNAP	690	2.7	650	2.6	680	2.8	40	10	25,310	24,550	24,150	760	1,160
CARROLL	360	2.1	340	2.0	370	2.3	20	-10	17,230	16,860	16,390	370	840
CHESHIRE	610	1.7	680	2.0	950	2.8	-70	-340	34,920	34,300	33,730	620	1,190
COOS	680	3.5	680	3.5	1,290	6.8	0	-610	19,480	19,180	19,110	300	370
GRAFTON	720	1.9	770	2.1	1,040	2.9	-50	-320	38,130	37,550	36,420	580	1,710
HILLSBOROUGH	4,660	2.6	4,480	2.6	5,680	3.3	180	-1,020	177,470	173,440	170,850	4,030	6,620
MERRIMACK	1,210	2.0	1,340	2.2	1,590	2.7	-130	-380	61,540	60,060	58,690	1,480	2,850
ROCKINGHAM	3,790	3.2	3,950	3.4	4,640	4.0	-160	-850	118,190	116,400	114,930	1,790	3,260
STRAFFORD	1,750	3.2	1,740	3.2	1,840	3.6	10	-90	55,050	54,220	51,690	830	3,360
SULLIVAN	530	2.7	520	2.6	430	2.3	10	100	19,620	19,450	18,340	170	1,280

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - March	330.5			
Percent change from year ago	2.8			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - March	335.9			
Percent change from year ago	3.0			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	March 1987	February 1987	March 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	124,350	122,850	117,480	1,500	6,870
Unemployment Percent	3,270	3,500	3,560	-230	-290
of Labor Force	2.6	2.8	3.0	xxx	xxx
Employment Total	120,780	119,050	113,920	1,730	6,860
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	300	300	0	0	300
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	103,900	103,050	98,800	850	5,100
Manufacturing	20,200	20,050	20,800	150	-600
Durable Goods	12,100	12,150	12,450	-50	-350
Nondurable Goods	8,100	7,900	8,350	200	-250
Nonmanufacturing	83,700	83,000	78,000	700	5,700
Construction (inc. mining)	4,950	4,900	4,500	50	450
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	2,650	2,650	2,450	0	200
Trade	26,850	26,600	24,050	250	2,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,100	6,050	5,400	50	700
Services	18,200	18,100	16,650	100	1,550
Government	24,950	24,700	24,950	250	0
Federal	10,500	10,400	11,100	100	-600
State	5,400	5,450	5,350	-50	50
Local	9,050	8,850	8,500	200	350

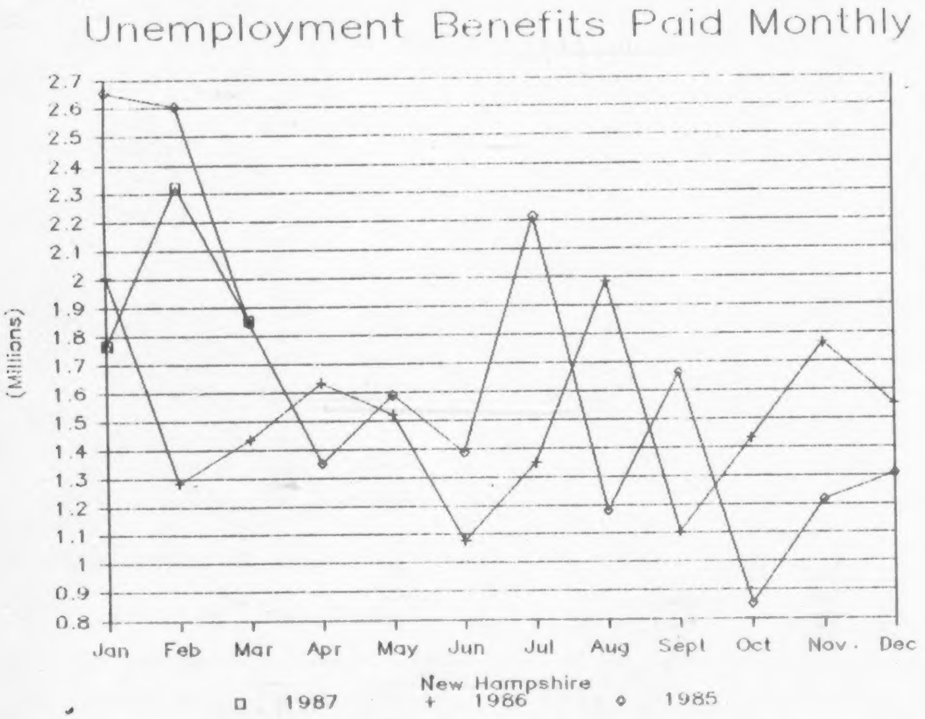
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Manufacturing	$369.82	$376.33	N/A	41.6	41.4	N/A	$8.89	$9.09	N/A
Durable Goods	391.35	397.03	N/A	41.9	41.4	N/A	9.34	9.59	N/A
Nondurable - Goods	341.14	346.51	N/A	41.2	41.3	N/A	8.28	8.39	N/A

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
45%	14,750	40

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,108	13,282	4	16	3	11	38	54	10	30
Berlin	251	612	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Claremont	172	541	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Concord	196	896	1	0	0	0	3	5	0	0
Conway	64	195	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Dover	464	2,278	1	1	2	2	7	11	2	7
Keene	117	472	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	5
Laconia	253	1,140	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0
Lebanon	37	208	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	152	479	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	0
Manchester	587	2,221	1	2	0	0	3	2	2	3
Nashua	253	1,124	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Portsmouth	294	1,325	0	4	0	2	11	20	5	11
Salem	106	507	0	8	1	1	1	1	0	0
Liable Interstate	162	1,283	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.19



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$139,173,642.11

Net contributions received during month:

$ 78,837.83

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,853,117.28

Interest Received:

$ 3,286,755.86

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
All manufacturing	$376.74	$375.99	$357.06	41.4	41.5	40.9	$9.10	$9.06	$8.73
Durable goods	393.39	390.35	369.90	42.3	42.2	41.1	9.30	9.25	9.00
Lumber & wood prods.	298.37	291.80	262.66	38.8	38.7	38.4	7.69	7.54	6.84
Furniture & fixtures	291.80	300.62	275.80	38.7	40.9	39.4	7.54	7.36	7.00
Stone & clay prods.	398.68	378.84	336.98	45.1	44.0	40.6	8.84	8.61	8.30
Primary metal prods.	436.50	433.06	399.07	45.0	44.1	41.7	9.70	9.82	9.57
Fab. metal prods.	387.32	387.24	342.91	42.1	42.0	39.1	9.20	9.22	8.77
Mach. (exc. elec.)	418.19	419.69	406.12	44.3	44.6	44.0	9.44	9.41	9.23
Electrical prods.	414.08	410.75	395.85	41.7	41.7	40.6	9.93	9.85	9.75
Miscellaneous prods.	321.10	295.29	253.37	42.7	38.3	36.3	7.52	7.71	6.98
Other durables	380.70	377.40	375.00	40.5	40.8	41.3	9.40	9.25	9.08
Nondurable goods	342.94	346.46	330.89	39.6	40.1	40.5	8.66	8.64	8.17
Food & kindred prods.	414.06	416.30	398.31	41.2	40.3	42.6	10.05	10.33	9.35
Textile mill prods.	314.23	325.98	298.80	41.4	42.5	41.1	7.59	7.67	7.27
Apparel	209.33	233.13	221.34	33.6	37.3	37.2	6.23	6.25	5.95
Paper & allied prods.	481.44	481.99	452.18	47.2	47.3	47.2	10.20	10.19	9.58
Print., pub. & allied	348.56	353.96	344.47	37.2	38.6	39.1	9.37	9.17	8.81
Leather & lea. prods.	202.54	198.22	193.57	34.8	34.0	34.2	5.82	5.83	5.66
Footwear	182.72	179.31	175.76	33.9	32.9	33.1	5.39	5.45	5.31
Other nondurables	368.23	366.51	358.11	40.2	40.1	41.4	9.16	9.14	8.65

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
46%

Total Production Workers:
81,700

Firms Reporting:
330

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
All manufacturing	$363.80	$372.10	$347.20	39.5	40.8	40.0	$9.21	$9.12	$8.68
Durable goods	379.83	384.75	357.63	39.7	40.5	39.0	9.57	9.50	9.17
Mach. & elec. prods.	401.99	395.38	365.20	41.7	41.1	40.0	9.64	9.62	9.13
Other durables	352.28	372.67	347.59	37.2	39.9	37.7	9.47	9.34	9.22
Nondurable goods	306.93	348.55	330.30	39.3	41.2	41.6	7.81	8.46	7.94
Textiles & apparel	269.38	300.62	300.56	36.8	40.9	41.4	7.32	7.35	7.26
Other nondurables	366.93	370.87	341.94	40.5	41.3	41.7	9.06	8.98	8.20

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
54%

Total Production Workers:
10,000

Firms Reporting:
41

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
All manufacturing	$483.32	$474.75	$434.93	43.0	42.2	41.7	$11.24	$11.25	$10.43
Durable goods	502.92	491.92	442.24	44.0	43.0	41.8	11.43	11.44	10.58
Mach. & elec. prods.	528.70	527.85	483.19	42.5	42.5	42.2	12.44	12.42	11.45
Other durables	447.92	413.71	344.35	47.1	44.2	40.8	9.53	9.36	8.44
Nondurable goods	410.15	407.16	403.76	39.4	39.0	41.2	10.41	10.44	9.80

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
48%

Total Production Workers:
19,700

Firms Reporting:
59

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category

Period Ending March 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL						
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	9,790	3,976	1,436	653	1,076	391
Managerial (18,19)	1,397	462	162	62	203	56
Clerical (20-24)	1,624	1,350	227	193	153	110
Sales (25-29)	486	222	84	30	48	23
Services (3)	1,500	928	249	159	118	63
Farm (4)	128	22	14	3	18	3
Processing (5)	150	55	20	10	30	11
Machine Trade (6)	730	162	89	38	76	13
Benchwork (7)	762	492	147	100	117	75
Structural (8)	1,987	88	265	10	164	6
Miscellaneous (9)	996	185	175	46	143	29
Unclassified	30	10	4	2	6	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	March 1987	February 1987	March 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,491	2,493	23,660
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,991	1,607	18,371
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,890	1,433	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	346	701	7,761

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

APRIL

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The number of unemployed decreased by 1,610 from mid-March to mid-April as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.6 to 2.3 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.9 percent. As a note of interest, the 2.3 percent rate is the lowest rate New Hampshire has recorded since 1976 when the current methodology was adopted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A 2.3 rate was also achieved in September and October 1986. New Hampshire continues to lead the nation with the lowest unemployment rate as last month's 2.6 rate marked the twentieth consecutive month of this occurrence. It is expected that our current 2.3 percent unemployment rate will continue this situation. Nationally the rates were 6.2 percent in April, 6.9 percent in March, and 7.0 percent a year ago.

The number of unemployed and rate of unemployment for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 990 (4.0 percent), Claremont LMA 490 (1.3), Concord LMA 830 (1.6), Keene LMA 540 (1.4), Laconia LMA 960 (2.0), Littleton LMA 730 (4.4), Manchester MSA 1,580 (1.8), Nashua PMSA 2,080 (2.2), Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA 2,740 (2.2), Salem (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) 1,920 (3.9), Unattached Area 600 (3.1), and the town of Pelham (N.H. Portion of the Lowell MA. PMSA), 230 (4.4 percent).

The Littleton and Berlin labor market areas experienced unemployment increases of 370 and 270 respectively. Completion of skiing operations, reduced logging operations because of the mud season, and termination of other seasonal activities resulted in higher unemployment levels in these areas. Employment gains occurred primarily in the construction and trade industries. Machinery, our largest manufacturing industry, experienced a gain of 150 workers in April as did the paper and allied products industry. The average weekly manufacturing wage for April was $374.85 which represented average weekly hours worked of 40.7 at an average hourly rate of $9.21. The average hourly rate for durables was $9.36 and for nondurables it was $8.87. While footwear was the lowest paid manufacturing industry at an average hourly rate of $5.47 for April, food and kindred products was the highest at an average hourly rate of $10.95. Apparel represented the lowest number of average weekly hours worked in manufacturing with 34.1 hours, and paper producers represented the highest with 46.8. While nonmanufacturing industries represented 76.3 percent of all employment in April, trade accounted for 32.7 percent of this and services 28.7 percent.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 2,950 from March as manufacturing decreased by 500 workers while nonmanufacturing increased by 3,450. Compared to the year ago level, nonagricultural employment is up 16,500 workers.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Month	Year	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Month	Year	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	572,820	566,940	553,310	5,880	19,510	85,410	84,710	82,720	700	2,690	94,400	93,430	90,310	970	4,090
2. Unemployment	13,390	15,000	15,970	-1,610	-2,580	1,580	1,900	1,910	-320	-330	2,080	2,430	2,550	-350	-470
Percent of labor force	2.3	2.6	2.9	xxx	xxx	1.8	2.2	2.3	xxx	xxx	2.2	2.6	2.8	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	559,430	551,940	537,340	7,490	22,090	83,830	82,810	80,810	1,020	3,020	92,320	91,000	87,760	1,320	4,560
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	495,400	492,450	478,900	2,950	16,500	85,200	85,050	82,400	150	2,800	89,100	88,650	85,850	450	3,250
Manufacturing	117,150	117,650	118,800	-500	-1,650	13,100	13,350	14,100	-250	1,000	35,300	35,250	35,650	50	-350
Durable goods	81,450	81,500	82,400	-50	-950	8,300	8,400	8,600	-100	-300	29,150	29,050	29,650	100	-500
Lumber & wood prods.	6,000	6,050	5,750	-50	250										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,650	1,500	-50	100										
Stone & clay prods.	3,300	3,250	3,200	50	100										
Primary metal prods.	4,450	4,350	4,250	100	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,700	6,950	-50	-300	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,850	24,700	25,450	150	-600	4,750	4,700	5,100	0	-350	22,250	22,100	22,650	150	-400
Electrical prods.	23,300	23,500	23,950	-200	-650										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	1,950	2,100	0	-150										
Other durables	9,350	9,350	9,250	0	100	3,550	3,650	3,500	-100	-50	6,900	6,950	7,000	-50	-100
Nondurable goods	35,700	36,150	36,400	-450	-700	4,800	4,900	5,500	-150	-700	6,150	6,200	6,000	-50	150
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,200	2,900	-100	200										
Textile mill prods.	3,900	3,900	3,500	0	400	1,300	1,450	1,500	-150	-200					
Apparel	2,000	2,300	2,350	-300	-350										
Paper & allied prods.	5,550	5,400	5,600	150	-50										
Print., pub. & allied	7,450	7,550	7,300	-100	150										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,400	4,450	4,750	-50	-350										
Other nondurables	9,300	9,350	10,000	-50	-700	3,500	3,500	4,000	0	-500					
Nonmanufacturing	378,250	374,800	360,100	3,450	18,150	72,100	71,700	68,300	400	3,800	53,800	53,400	50,200	400	3,600
Construction (inc. min.)	34,950	32,850	34,500	2,100	450	5,900	5,750	5,200	150	700	5,150	5,150	4,500	0	650
Trans., comm. & util.	17,350	17,400	16,050	-50	1,300	4,750	4,800	4,650	-50	100	2,100	2,150	2,100	-50	0
Trade	123,600	122,500	115,350	1,100	8,250	23,000	22,950	21,800	50	1,200	20,450	20,400	18,450	50	2,000
Fin., ins. & real estate	30,200	29,650	27,600	550	2,600	8,500	8,300	7,700	200	800	3,500	3,350	3,050	150	450
Service industry & other	108,400	108,950	103,750	-550	4,650	21,900	21,950	20,950	-50	950	16,450	16,200	15,950	250	500
Government	63,750	63,450	62,850	300	900	8,050	7,950	8,000	100	50	6,150	6,150	6,150	0	0
Federal	8,750	8,500	8,250	250	500	2,700	2,600	2,400	100	300	850	850	750	0	100
State	17,150	17,100	17,150	50	0	850	850	800	0	50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,850	37,850	37,450	0	400	4,500	4,500	4,800	0	-300	5,050	5,050	5,150	0	-100

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	April Number	1987 Rate	March Number	1987 Rate	April Number	1986 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year	April 1987	March 1987	April 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,306	6.2	8,124	6.9	8,115	7.0	-818	809	118,347	118,353	116,316	-6	2,031
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,390	2.3	15,000	2.6	15,970	2.9	-1,610	-2,580	572,820	566,940	553,310	5,880	19,510
BERLIN LMA	990	4.0	720	2.9	1,310	5.5	270	-320	24,500	25,070	23,850	-570	650
CLAREMONT LMA	490	1.3	790	2.1	670	1.8	-300	-180	38,310	38,070	36,380	240	1,930
CONCORD LMA	830	1.6	1,070	2.1	890	1.8	-240	-60	51,950	51,930	51,160	20	1,790
KEENE LMA	540	1.4	660	1.7	860	2.2	-120	-320	39,650	39,090	38,760	560	890
LACONIA LMA	960	2.0	1,260	2.6	1,060	2.2	-300	-100	49,210	48,420	48,010	790	1,200
LITTLETON LMA	730	4.4	360	2.1	970	6.0	370	-240	16,440	17,000	16,130	-560	310
MANCHESTER MSA	1,580	1.8	1,900	2.2	1,910	2.3	-320	-330	85,410	84,710	82,720	700	2,690
NASHUA PMSA	2,080	2.2	2,430	2.6	2,550	2.8	-350	-470	94,400	93,430	90,310	970	4,090
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	1,920	3.9	1,960	4.1	2,220	4.5	-40	-300	49,350	48,380	48,060	970	290
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,740	2.2	3,270	2.6	3,130	2.6	-530	-390	126,760	124,350	121,760	2,410	5,000
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	600	3.1	720	3.9	550	3.0	-120	50	19,420	18,620	18,810	800	610
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	230	4.4	370	7.0	200	3.9	-140	30	5,280	5,320	5,180	-40	100
County													
BELKNAP	520	2.0	690	2.7	600	2.4	-170	-80	25,680	25,310	25,070	370	610
CARROLL	360	2.1	360	2.1	380	2.3	-0	-20	17,110	17,230	16,520	-120	590
CHESHIRE	500	1.4	610	1.7	770	2.2	-110	-270	35,420	34,920	34,610	500	810
COOS	1,020	5.3	680	3.5	1,440	7.7	340	-420	19,090	19,480	18,790	-390	300
GRAFTON	890	2.3	720	1.9	1,090	3.0	170	-200	38,020	38,130	36,670	-110	1,350
HILLSBOROUGH	3,850	2.1	4,660	2.6	4,600	2.7	-810	-750	179,180	177,470	172,540	1,710	6,640
MERRIMACK	930	1.5	1,210	2.0	1,010	1.7	-280	-80	61,800	61,540	59,700	260	2,100
ROCKINGHAM	3,470	2.9	3,790	3.2	4,070	3.5	-320	-600	120,630	118,190	117,200	2,440	3,430
STRAFFORD	1,570	2.8	1,750	3.2	1,620	3.0	-180	-50	56,240	55,050	53,530	1,190	2,710
SULLIVAN	280	1.4	530	2.7	390	2.1	-250	-110	19,650	19,620	18,680	30	970

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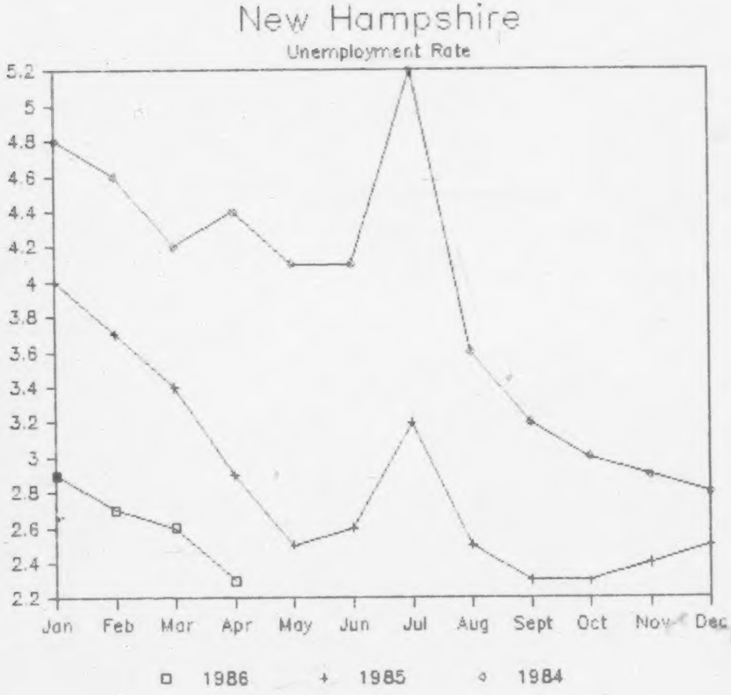
* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA	includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA	is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - April	332.3			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - April	337.7			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	April 1987	March 1987	April 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	126,750	124,350	121,760	2,400	4,990
Unemployment Percent of Labor Force	2,740 2.2	3,270 2.6	3,130 2.6	-530 xxx	-390 xxx
Employment Total	124,010	121,080	118,630	2,930	5,380
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	105,600	103,550	102,050	2,050	3,550
Manufacturing	20,000	20,100	20,950	-100	-950
Durable Goods	12,050	12,100	12,650	-50	-600
Nondurable Goods	7,950	8,000	8,300	-50	-350
Nonmanufacturing	85,600	83,450	81,100	2,150	4,500
Construction (inc. mining)	5,050	4,600	5,000	450	50
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	2,800	2,650	2,650	150	150
Trade	27,550	26,900	25,300	650	2,250
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,200	6,100	5,550	100	650
Services	19,100	18,300	17,750	800	1,350
Government	24,900	24,900	24,850	0	50
Federal	10,600	10,500	10,950	100	-350
State	5,400	5,400	5,350	0	50
Local	8,900	9,000	8,550	-100	-350

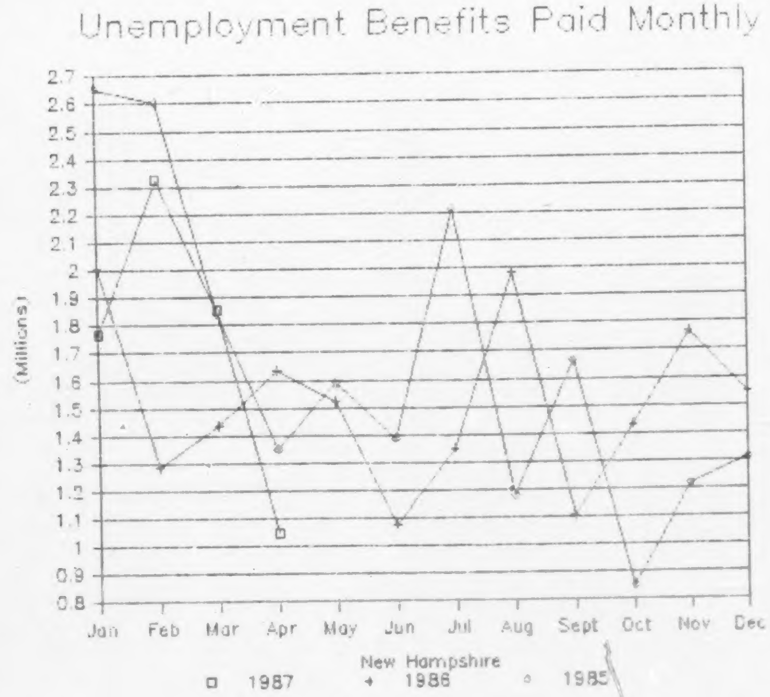
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
Manufacturing	$349.84	$372.04	$361.97	39.8	41.2	40.9	8.79	9.03	8.85
Durable Goods	381.51	408.31	411.09	41.2	42.4	42.6	9.26	9.63	9.65
Nondurable - Goods	304.29	321.53	292.22	37.8	39.5	38.5	8.05	8.14	7.59

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
43%	13,300	39

Weekly Claims Filed During April
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,185	11,154	22	49	9	15	19	42	11	18
Berlin	253	1,031	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	121	347	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Concord	146	665	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Conway	93	337	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Dover	477	1,587	1	5	3	1	7	6	4	9
Keene	126	358	0	0	1	5	2	7	0	0
Laconia	194	895	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Lebanon	27	124	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	204	785	13	22	2	2	0	0	0	0
Manchester	586	1,692	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	2
Nashua	269	849	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Portsmouth	201	1,023	2	5	1	3	5	17	3	4
Salem	87	318	0	5	1	0	2	6	0	0
Liable Interstate	401	1,143	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $118.86



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$144,414,097.04

Net contributions received during month:

6,290,479.49

Net benefits paid during month:

1,050,024.56

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
All manufacturing	$374.85	$377.48	$354.38	40.7	41.3	40.5	$9.21	$9.14	$8.75
Durable goods	388.44	393.64	365.49	41.5	42.1	40.7	9.36	9.35	8.98
Lumber & wood prods.	307.23	306.15	262.57	38.5	39.1	38.5	7.98	7.83	6.82
Furniture & fixtures	303.03	291.79	283.27	39.0	38.7	40.7	7.77	7.54	6.96
Stone & clay prods.	375.36	392.85	350.99	42.8	45.0	41.1	8.77	8.73	8.54
Primary metal prods.	420.23	441.90	410.12	43.1	45.0	42.9	9.75	9.82	9.56
Fab. metal prods.	374.33	387.32	343.73	40.6	42.1	39.6	9.22	9.20	8.68
Mach. (exc. elec.)	418.29	417.75	403.79	43.8	44.3	43.7	9.55	9.43	9.24
Electrical prods.	406.00	411.45	376.94	40.6	40.9	38.9	10.00	10.06	9.69
Miscellaneous prods.	303.36	321.10	266.57	39.5	42.7	38.3	7.68	7.52	9.96
Other durables	382.30	380.82	368.74	41.6	40.6	40.7	9.19	9.38	9.06
Nondurable goods	346.82	344.60	330.40	39.1	39.7	40.0	8.87	8.68	8.26
Food & kindred prods.	413.91	415.52	410.59	37.8	41.1	41.1	10.95	10.11	9.99
Textile mill prods.	315.70	313.94	302.74	41.0	41.2	41.7	7.70	7.62	7.26
Apparel	214.49	209.04	216.67	34.1	33.5	36.6	6.29	6.24	5.92
Paper & allied prods.	485.78	481.04	452.61	46.8	47.3	47.0	10.38	10.17	9.63
Print., pub. & allied	348.58	349.50	336.30	36.5	37.3	38.0	9.55	9.37	8.85
Leather & lea. prods.	205.45	202.54	188.60	35.0	34.8	32.8	5.87	5.82	5.75
Footwear	187.07	182.72	169.38	34.2	33.9	31.6	5.47	5.39	5.36
Other nondurables	368.63	371.45	358.11	39.3	40.2	41.4	9.38	9.24	8.65

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 55%

Total Production Workers: 82,000

Firms Reporting: 356

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
All manufacturing	$362.18	$366.68	$350.80	39.8	39.9	40.0	$9.10	$9.19	$8.77
Durable goods	376.27	384.46	366.03	40.2	40.3	39.4	9.36	9.54	9.29
Mach. & elec. prods.	382.85	401.99	365.82	40.3	41.7	40.2	9.50	9.64	9.10
Other durables	368.52	363.61	366.34	40.1	38.6	38.4	9.19	9.42	9.54
Nondurable goods	334.62	334.84	326.38	39.0	39.3	40.9	8.58	8.52	7.98
Textiles & apparel	269.68	269.38	302.02	37.3	36.8	41.6	7.23	7.32	7.26
Other nondurables	362.98	366.62	335.76	39.8	40.6	40.6	9.12	9.03	8.27

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 47%

Total Production Workers: 9,850

Firms Reporting: 38

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1986
All manufacturing	$475.44	$484.77	$425.25	42.0	42.9	40.5	$11.32	$11.30	$10.50
Durable goods	493.21	504.58	428.49	43.0	43.8	40.5	11.47	11.52	10.58
Mach. & elec. prods.	524.91	534.24	462.58	42.4	42.4	40.4	12.38	12.60	11.45
Other durables	426.68	441.78	346.83	44.4	46.7	40.9	9.61	9.46	8.48
Nondurable goods	406.91	411.44	409.45	38.1	39.6	40.3	10.68	10.39	10.16

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 58%

Total Production Workers: 19,900

Firms Reporting: 71

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending April 30, 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	8,763	3,856	1,275	597	780	328
Prof., Tech. (00-)						
Managerial (19)	1,316	449	163	65	194	57
Clerical (20-24)	1,545	1,313	216	186	102	74
Sales (25-29)	466	222	71	29	43	25
Services (3)	1,340	839	224	141	89	56
Farm (4)	108	23	10	1	9	1
Processing (5)	136	56	20	8	20	9
Machine Trade (6)	648	153	81	32	50	13
Benchwork (7)	757	514	108	75	99	62
Structural (8)	1,563	87	217	12	86	4
Miscellaneous (9)	852	185	158	45	84	25
Unclassified	32	15	7	3	4	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	April 1987	March 1987	July 1, 1986 to April 30, 1987
Total applicants for employment	2,052	2,491	25,712
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,634	1,991	21,005
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,654	1,890	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,057	346	8,818

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

MAY

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The number of employed in New Hampshire increased from 559,430 in April to 569,650 in May, an increase of 10,220 or 1.8 percent. The number of unemployed increased 370 during the same period as the unemployment rate increased marginally from 2.3 to 2.4 percent. Presently there are 13,760 unemployed persons in New Hampshire, while a year ago there were 13,830 and the unemployment rate was 2.5 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.1 percent in May, 6.2 percent in April, and 7.0 percent a year ago. The latest data available (April 1987) for states and areas indicates that New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate for twenty-one consecutive months. The Nashua PMSA and the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA are tied for third for the lowest unemployment rate among the 269 metropolitan areas reporting.

The number of unemployed and rate of unemployment for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 840 (3.4 percent), Claremont LMA 590 (1.5), Concord LMA 860 (1.6), Keene LMA 680 (1.7), Laconia LMA 810 (1.6), Littleton LMA 430 (2.5), Manchester MSA 1,690 (2.0), Nashua PMSA 2,320 (2.4), Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA 2,570 (2.0), Salem (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) 2,240 (4.5), Unattached Area 740 (3.7), and the town of Pelham (part of the Lowell MA. PMSA) 250 (4.7 percent).

Manufacturing lost 150 jobs from April as durables gained 400 while nondurables lost 550. Trade, services, and construction each posted seasonal gains as nonmanufacturing gained 4,600 jobs during the report period. Compared to the same period a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 12,950 as manufacturing lost 1,400 workers and nonmanufacturing gained 14,350. The average weekly manufacturing wage for May was $377.71 which represented average weekly hours worked of 41.1 at an average hourly rate of $9.19. The average hourly rate for durables was $9.37 and for nondurables it was $8.77. Footwear continued to be our lowest paid manufacturing industry in May with an average hourly rate of $5.48, while food and kindred products continued to be the highest paid industry with average hourly earnings of $10.55. Paper producers represented the highest number of average weekly hours worked in manufacturing with 46.8, while footwear represented the lowest with 35.8. While nonmanufacturing industries represented 76.6 percent of all employment in May, trade accounted for 32.1 percent of this and services 28.8 percent.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Month	Year	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Month	Year	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	583,410	572,820	559,910	10,590	23,500	86,330	85,410	83,200	920	3,130	95,170	94,400	90,890	770	4,280
2. Unemployment	13,760	13,390	13,830	370	-70	1,690	1,580	1,950	110	-260	2,320	2,080	2,450	240	-130
Percent of labor force	2.4	2.3	2.5	xxx	xxx	2.0	1.8	2.3	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.2	2.7	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	569,650	559,430	546,080	10,220	23,570	84,640	83,830	81,250	810	3,390	92,850	92,320	88,440	530	4,410
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	500,450	496,000	487,500	4,450	12,950	85,350	85,350	83,000	0	2,350	89,250	89,100	86,550	150	2,700
Manufacturing	117,100	117,250	118,500	-150	-1,400	13,000	13,100	13,950	-100	-950	35,500	35,250	35,600	250	-100
Durable goods	81,900	81,500	82,200	400	-300	8,250	8,300	8,550	- 50	-300	29,400	29,100	29,600	300	-200
Lumber & wood prods.	5,950	6,000	5,700	-50	250										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100										
Stone & clay prods.	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100										
Primary metal prods.	4,450	4,350	4,250	100	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,700	6,650	6,900	50	-200	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,900	24,850	25,450	50	-550	4,700	4,700	5,050	0	-350	22,500	22,250	22,600	250	100
Electrical prods.	23,600	23,450	23,850	150	-250										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	1,950	2,100	50	-100										
Other durables	9,400	9,350	9,250	50	150	3,550	3,600	3,500	-50	50	6,900	6,850	7,000	50	100
Nondurable goods	35,200	35,750	36,300	-550	-1,100	4,750	4,800	5,400	-50	-650	6,100	6,150	6,000	-50	100
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100										
Textile mill prods.	3,900	3,900	3,450	0	450	1,300	1,300	1,500	0	-200					
Apparel	1,950	2,000	2,350	-50	-400										
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,550	5,600	-250	-300										
Print., pub. & allied	7,400	7,450	7,300	-50	100										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,350	4,450	4,600	-100	-250										
Other nondurables	9,200	9,300	10,000	-100	-800	3,450	3,500	3,900	-50	-450					
Nonmanufacturing	383,350	378,750	369,000	4,600	14,350	72,350	72,250	69,050	100	3,300	53,750	53,850	50,950	-100	2,800
Construction (inc. min.)	35,450	34,650	36,800	800	-1,350	5,800	5,900	5,450	-100	350	5,150	5,150	4,800	0	350
Trans., comm. & util.	17,600	17,500	16,500	100	1,100	4,850	4,750	4,750	100	100	2,150	2,100	2,150	50	0
Trade	125,100	123,600	118,450	1,500	6,650	23,000	23,150	21,900	-150	1,100	20,450	20,500	18,700	-50	1,750
Fin., ins. & real estate	30,450	30,250	28,000	200	2,450	8,600	8,500	7,750	100	850	3,550	3,500	3,150	50	400
Service industry & other	110,800	108,850	106,200	1,950	4,600	22,050	21,900	21,200	150	850	16,250	16,450	16,050	-200	200
Government	63,950	63,900	63,050	50	900	8,050	8,050	8,000	0	50	6,200	6,150	6,100	50	100
Federal	8,800	8,750	8,200	50	600	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	300	900	850	750	50	150
State	17,200	17,250	17,200	-50	0	800	850	800	-50	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,950	37,900	37,650	50	300	4,550	4,500	4,800	50	-250	5,050	5,050	5,100	0	-50

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
Area	May Number	1987 Rate	April Number	1987 Rate	May Number	1986 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year
UNITED STATES**	7,318	6.1	7,306	6.2	8,158	7.0	12	-840	119,695	118,347	118,353	1,348	1,342
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,760	2.4	13,390	2.3	13,830	2.5	370	-70	583,410	572,820	559,910	10,590	23,500
BERLIN LMA	840	3.4	990	4.0	910	3.8	-150	-70	25,020	24,500	24,060	520	960
CLAREMONT LMA	590	1.5	490	1.3	540	1.5	100	50	38,540	38,310	36,580	230	1,960
CONCORD LMA	860	1.6	830	1.6	790	1.6	30	70	52,900	51,950	50,730	950	2,170
KEENE LMA	680	1.7	540	1.4	740	1.9	140	-60	40,270	39,650	38,870	620	1,400
LACONIA LMA	810	1.6	960	2.0	800	1.6	-150	10	51,820	49,210	49,880	2,610	1,940
LITTLETON LMA	430	2.5	730	4.4	520	3.2	-300	-90	17,040	16,440	16,450	600	590
MANCHESTER MSA	1,690	2.0	1,580	1.8	1,950	2.3	110	-260	86,330	85,410	83,200	920	3,130
NASHUA PMSA	2,320	2.4	2,080	2.2	2,450	2.7	240	-130	95,170	94,400	90,890	770	4,280
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,240	4.5	1,920	3.9	2,070	4.2	320	170	49,970	49,350	48,930	620	1,040
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,570	2.0	2,740	2.2	2,590	2.1	-170	-20	129,580	126,760	124,070	2,820	5,510
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	740	3.7	600	3.1	530	2.8	140	210	20,050	19,420	18,920	630	1,130
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	250	4.7	230	4.4	220	4.2	20	30	5,330	5,280	5,190	50	140
County													
BELKNAP	440	1.6	520	2.0	470	1.8	-80	-30	26,990	25,680	26,010	1,310	980
CARROLL	340	1.9	360	2.1	280	1.6	-20	60	17,750	17,110	16,980	640	770
CHESHIRE	630	1.8	500	1.4	670	1.9	130	-40	35,980	35,420	34,720	560	1,260
COOS	810	4.2	1,020	5.3	930	4.9	-210	-120	19,490	19,090	18,830	400	660
GRAFTON	690	1.8	890	2.3	680	1.8	-200	10	39,110	38,020	37,410	1,090	1,700
HILLSBOROUGH	4,190	2.3	3,850	2.1	4,520	2.6	340	-330	181,000	179,180	173,690	1,820	7,310
MERRIMACK	930	1.5	930	1.5	930	1.5	0	0	63,130	61,800	60,610	1,330	2,520
ROCKINGHAM	3,980	3.2	3,470	2.9	3,840	3.2	510	140	122,850	120,630	118,470	2,220	4,380
STRAFFORD	1,400	2.4	1,570	2.8	1,200	2.2	-170	200	57,320	56,240	54,420	1,080	2,900
SULLIVAN	350	1.8	280	1.4	310	1.7	70	40	19,790	19,650	18,770	140	1,020

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

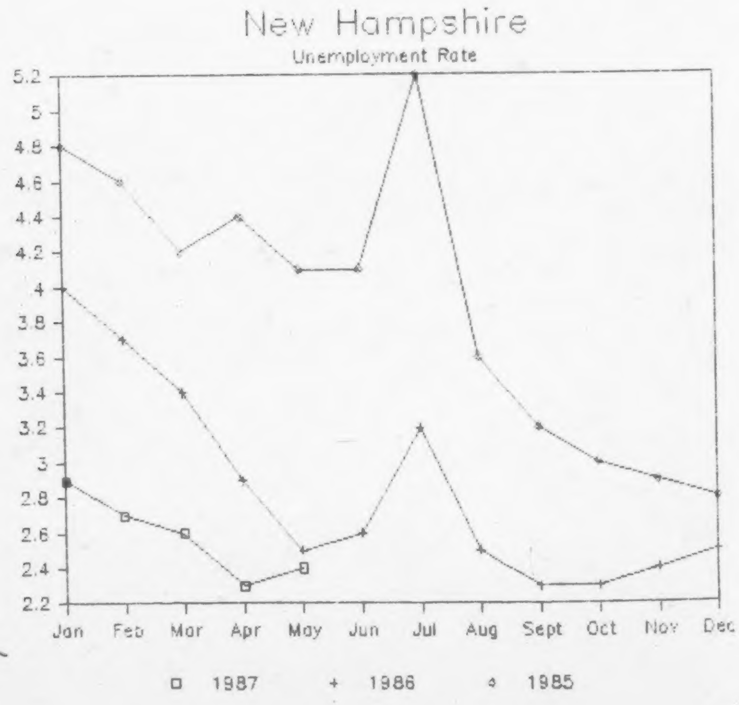
**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H.-ME. MSA includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, New Fields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - May	338.7			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - May	333.4			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	129,580	126,760	124,070	2,820	5,510
Unemployment Percent of Labor Force	2,570 2.0	2,740 2.2	2,590 2.1	-170 xxx	-20 xxx
Employment Total	127,010	124,020	121,480	2,990	5,530
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	107,700	106,000	104,750	1,700	2,950
Manufacturing	19,850	19,950	20,800	-100	-950
Durable Goods	12,050	12,050	12,600	0	-550
Nondurable Goods	7,800	7,900	8,200	-100	-400
Nonmanufacturing	87,850	86,050	83,950	1,800	3,900
Construction (inc mining)	5,100	5,050	5,400	50	-300
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	2,900	2,850	2,750	50	150
Trade	28,600	27,600	26,950	1,000	1,650
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,300	6,250	5,650	50	650
Services	20,000	19,400	18,400	600	1,600
Government	24,950	24,900	24,800	50	150
Federal	10,650	10,600	10,850	50	-200
State	5,400	5,400	5,350	0	50
Local	8,900	8,900	8,600	0	300

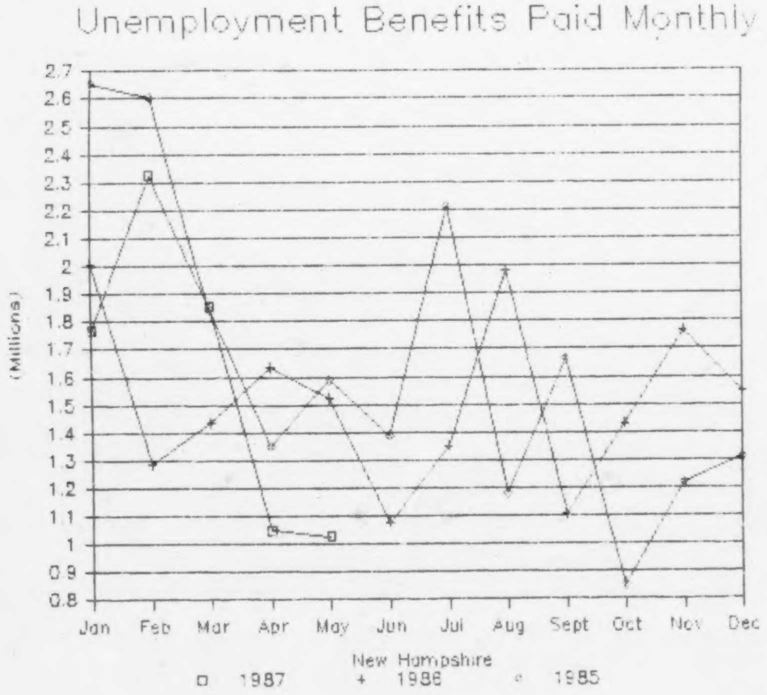
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Average Weekly Earnings May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	Average Hourly Earnings May 1987	April 1987	May 1986
Manufacturing	$363.37	$361.56	$359.10	9.13	9.20	8.78	39.8	39.3	40.9
Durable Goods	407.06	403.16	373.35	9.88	9.93	9.04	41.2	40.6	41.3
Nondurable - Goods	300.55	302.25	330.04	7.93	8.06	8.21	37.9	37.5	40.2

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
48%	14,200	39

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,044	8,317	8	14	2	11	9	27	9	15
Berlin	125	798	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1
Claremont	74	252	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Concord	113	459	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Conway	34	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	336	1,151	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
Keene	84	278	1	1	0	5	0	6	0	0
Laconia	99	504	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	33	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Littleton	60	445	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	0
Manchester	483	1,178	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2
Nashua	160	614	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Portsmouth	161	763	0	3	0	0	3	9	1	4
Salem	111	268	2	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
Liable Interstate	171	1,266	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $119.28



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$ 150,344,388.83

Net contributions received during month:

3,868,412.16

Net benefits paid during month:

1,026,869.20

Interest Received:

3,088,748.83

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986
All manufacturing	$377.71	$375.77	$359.10	41.1	40.8	40.9	$9.19	$9.21	$8.78
Durable goods	389.79	389.27	373.27	41.6	41.5	41.2	9.37	9.38	9.06
Lumber & wood prods.	318.39	308.39	272.95	39.7	38.5	39.5	8.02	8.01	6.91
Furniture & fixtures	303.20	303.03	286.63	40.0	39.0	39.7	7.58	7.77	7.22
Stone & clay prods.	379.62	375.36	370.19	44.4	42.8	42.6	8.55	8.77	8.69
Primary metal prods.	427.95	429.62	415.15	45.0	44.2	43.7	9.51	9.72	9.50
Fab. metal prods.	381.97	378.02	344.86	41.7	41.0	39.1	9.16	9.22	8.82
Mach. (exc. elec.)	416.11	418.29	408.22	43.3	43.8	43.8	9.61	9.55	9.32
Electrical prods.	399.40	406.41	399.10	40.1	40.6	40.6	9.96	10.01	9.83
Miscellaneous prods.	307.32	302.97	264.10	39.4	39.5	38.0	7.80	7.67	6.95
Other durables	388.27	380.48	357.80	41.0	41.0	39.8	9.47	9.28	8.99
Nondurable goods	349.92	346.53	330.86	39.9	39.2	40.3	8.77	8.84	8.21
Food & kindred prods.	442.05	417.78	408.66	41.9	39.6	41.7	10.55	10.55	9.80
Textile mill prods.	309.02	315.29	298.25	40.5	41.0	40.8	7.63	7.69	7.31
Apparel	229.96	214.49	218.30	36.1	34.1	37.0	6.37	6.29	5.90
Paper & allied prods.	493.27	480.81	458.39	46.8	46.5	47.6	10.54	10.34	9.63
Print., pub. & allied	347.76	349.53	339.38	36.8	36.6	37.5	9.45	9.55	9.05
Leather & lea. prods.	209.96	204.86	206.35	36.2	34.9	35.7	5.80	5.87	5.78
Footwear	196.18	186.53	190.24	35.8	34.1	35.1	5.48	5.47	5.42
Other nondurables	373.30	369.97	343.97	40.4	39.4	40.9	9.24	9.39	8.41

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

54%

Total Production Workers:

81,200

Firms Reporting:

319

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986
All manufacturing	$369.95	$364.80	$350.24	40.3	40.0	39.8	$9.18	$9.12	$8.80
Durable goods	381.28	379.35	361.42	39.8	40.1	39.2	9.58	9.46	9.22
Mach. & elec. prods.	391.23	399.30	363.09	40.5	40.3	39.9	9.66	9.66	9.10
Other durables	369.33	367.48	359.42	39.0	39.9	38.4	9.47	9.21	9.36
Nondurable goods	348.55	337.50	331.30	41.2	39.8	40.7	8.46	8.48	8.14
Textiles & apparel	266.08	269.68	281.85	36.7	37.3	39.2	7.25	7.23	7.19
Other nondurables	385.34	366.46	351.05	43.2	40.9	41.3	8.92	8.96	8.50

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

53%

Total Production Workers:

9,800

Firms Reporting:

40

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986	May 1987	April 1987	May 1986
All manufacturing	$478.55	$478.68	$431.78	42.2	42.1	41.2	$11.34	$11.37	$10.48
Durable goods	495.65	497.37	439.25	43.1	43.1	41.4	11.50	11.50	10.61
Mach. & elec. prods.	523.74	529.58	477.67	42.0	42.4	41.5	12.47	12.49	11.51
Other durables	433.02	426.68	348.50	45.2	44.4	41.0	9.58	9.61	8.50
Nondurable goods	412.06	409.26	402.75	38.8	38.5	40.6	10.62	10.63	9.92

Sample Percent of Production Workers:

53%

Total Production Workers:

20,100

Firms Reporting:

64

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending May 31, 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	7,380	3,441	1,063	501	575	272
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,242	435	153	55	179	59
Clerical (20-24)	1,436	1,209	193	163	83	62
Sales (25-29)	380	196	64	31	23	16
Services (3)	1,242	795	204	132	67	46
Farm (4)	93	25	8	1	5	1
Processing (5)	108	49	20	7	14	8
Machine Trade (6)	482	107	44	18	33	7
Benchwork (7)	594	411	83	53	66	45
Structural (8)	1,152	60	189	9	55	4
Miscellaneous (9)	633	144	101	30	48	23
Unclassified	18	10	4	2	2	1

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	May 1987	April 1987	July 1, 1986 to May 31, 1987
Total applicants for employment	1,855	2,052	27,567
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,420	2,634	23,425
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,942	2,654	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	866	1,057	9,684

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

JUNE
Wesley S. Noyes, Jr., Editor
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The number of unemployed increased by 1,010 from mid-May to mid-June as the unemployment rate increased slightly from 2.4 to 2.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.6 percent. Currently there are 14,770 unemployed persons in New Hampshire. Nationally the rates were 6.3 percent in June, 6.1 percent in May, and 7.1 percent a year ago. New Hampshire continues to lead the nation with the lowest unemployment rate as last month's 2.4 rate marked the twenty second consecutive month of this occurrence.

The number of unemployed and the rate of unemployment in June for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 610 (2.3 percent), Claremont LMA 550 (1.4), Concord LMA 1,000 (1.8), Keene LMA 630 (1.5), Laconia LMA 830 (1.5), Littleton LMA 420 (2.3), Manchester MSA 1,820 (2.1), Nashua PMSA 2,720 (2.8), Portsmouth- Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA 2,940 (2.2), Salem (NH Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA PMSA) 2,420 (4.7), Unattached Area 880 (4.2), and the town of Pelham (part of the Lowell MA PMSA) 270 (5.0 percent).

The majority of the unemployment increase is due to entrants and reentrants to the labor force seeking seasonal jobs for the summer. Many of these jobs did not begin until after the middle of June. Trade and service establishments added on workers as preparations were being made in anticipation of the forthcoming summer tourist season. The Nashua area recorded the largest unemployment increase with 400, while the Berlin area recorded the largest unemployment decrease with 230 fewer unemployed. Year ago comparisons show that seven of the state's areas have higher unemployment while five areas have lower unemployment in June 1987. In both the Claremont and Keene areas there were 230 fewer unemployed in June 1987 than in June 1986.

Manufacturing increased by 1,150 workers from May and is up 700 from the year ago level. Nonmanufacturing increased 6,700 from May and is up 10,950 from a year ago. Trade is up 5,100 workers from last year, services by 3,400, and finance, insurance and real estate by 2,300. The average weekly manufacturing wage for June was $380.59 which represented average weekly hours worked of 41.1 at an average hourly rate of $9.26. The average hourly rate for durables was $9.44 and for nondurables it was $8.87. The paper and allied products industry represented the highest paid industry with an average hourly rate of $10.59, while the footwear industry continues to be the lowest with an average hourly rate of $5.53. While nonmanufacturing industries represented 76.7 percent of all employment in June, trade accounted for 25 percent of this and services 22.2 percent.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Month	Year	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Month	Year	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	601,230	583,410	571,090	17,820	30,140	87,390	86,330	83,260	1,060	4,130	97,060	95,170	92,320	1,890	4,740
2. Unemployment	14,770	13,760	14,760	1,010	10	1,820	1,690	1,830	130	-10	2,720	2,320	2,660	400	60
Percent of labor force	2.5	2.4	2.6	xxx	xxx	2.1	2.0	2.2	xxx	xxx	2.8	2.4	2.9	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	586,460	569,650	556,330	16,810	30,130	85,570	84,640	81,430	930	4,140	94,340	92,850	89,660	1,490	4,680
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	508,250	500,400	498,000	7,850	10,250	85,500	85,250	83,850	250	1,650	90,300	89,000	88,100	1,300	2,200
Manufacturing	118,400	117,250	119,100	1,150	700	12,950	13,000	13,850	-50	-900	36,000	35,500	36,000	500	0
Durable goods	83,100	82,000	82,600	1,100	500	8,200	8,250	8,400	-50	-200	29,900	29,400	29,850	500	50
Lumber & wood prods.	6,050	5,950	5,950	100	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	100										
Stone & clay prods.	3,300	3,300	3,250	0	50										
Primary metal prods.	4,600	4,500	4,250	100	350										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	-100				Machinery And Electrical Products Combined						
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,300	24,900	25,650	400	-350	4,650	4,700	4,900	-50	-250	22,950	22,500	22,800	450	150
Electrical prods.	24,050	23,700	23,750	350	300										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,050	2,000	2,050	50	0										
Other durables	9,350	9,350	9,300	0	50	3,550	3,550	3,500	0	50	6,950	6,900	7,050	50	-100
Nondurable goods	35,300	35,250	36,500	50	-1,200	4,750	4,750	5,450	0	-700	6,100	6,100	6,150	0	-50
Food & kindred prods.	3,150	3,100	3,100	50	50										
Textile mill prods.	3,850	3,900	3,500	-50	350										
Apparel	2,000	2,000	2,350	0	-350	1,300	1,300	1,500	0	-200					
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,300	5,700	0	-400										
Print., pub. & allied	7,350	7,400	7,200	-50	150										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,350	4,350	4,550	0	-200										
Other nondurables	9,300	9,200	10,100	100	-800	3,450	3,450	3,950	0	-500					
Nonmanufacturing	389,850	383,150	378,900	6,700	10,950	72,550	72,250	70,000	300	2,550	54,300	53,500	52,100	800	2,200
Construction (inc. min.)	36,700	35,450	38,450	1,250	- 1,750	5,850	5,750	5,700	100	150	5,250	5,100	5,000	150	250
Trans., comm. & util.	17,700	17,600	16,850	100	850	4,950	4,850	4,750	100	200	2,250	2,100	2,200	150	50
Trade	127,900	125,000	122,800	2,900	5,100	22,900	23,000	22,150	-100	750	20,450	20,400	19,050	50	1,400
Fin., ins. & real estate	30,850	30,500	28,550	350	2,300	8,650	8,600	7,800	50	850	3,650	3,550	3,250	100	400
Service industry & other	113,300	110,600	109,900	2,700	3,400	22,100	21,950	21,500	150	600	16,650	16,300	16,450	350	200
Government	63,400	64,000	62,350	-600	1,050	8,100	8,100	8,100	0	0	6,050	6,050	6,150	0	-100
Federal	9,000	8,800	8,300	200	700	2,750	2,700	2,400	50	350	850	850	750	0	100
State	16,200	17,300	15,950	-1,100	250	850	850	800	0	50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	38,200	37,900	38,100	300	100	4,500	4,550	4,900	-50	-400	4,950	4,950	5,150	0	-200

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
Benchmark

Labor Disputes:

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	June 1987 Number	June 1987 Rate	May 1987 Number	May 1987 Rate	June 1986 Number	June 1986 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Numerical Change From Previous Year
UNITED STATES**	7,655	6.3	7,318	6.1	8,443	7.1	337	-788	121,153	119,695	118,116	1,458	3,037
NEW HAMPSHIRE	14,770	2.5	13,760	2.4	14,760	2.6	1,010	10	601,230	583,410	571,090	17,820	30,140
BERLIN LMA	610	2.3	840	3.4	600	2.4	-230	10	26,490	25,020	24,850	1,470	1,640
CLAREMONT LMA	550	1.4	590	1.5	780	2.1	- 40	-230	39,440	38,540	37,720	900	1,720
CONCORD LMA	1,000	1.8	860	1.6	910	1.8	140	90	54,510	52,900	51,160	1,600	3,350
KEENE LMA	630	1.5	680	1.7	860	2.2	-50	-230	41,130	40,270	39,210	860	1,920
LACONIA LMA	830	1.5	810	1.6	860	1.7	20	-30	54,810	51,820	51,800	2,990	3,010
LITTLETON LMA	420	2.3	430	2.5	400	2.3	-10	20	18,450	17,040	17,250	1,410	1,200
MANCHESTER MSA	1,820	2.1	1,690	2.0	1,830	2.2	130	-10	87,390	86,330	83,260	1,060	4,130
NASHUA PMSA	2,720	2.8	2,320	2.4	2,660	2.9	400	60	97,060	95,170	92,320	1,890	4,740
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,420	4.7	2,240	4.5	2,520	5.1	180	-100	51,100	49,970	49,660	1,130	1,440
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,940	2.2	2,570	2.0	2,850	2.2	370	90	134,450	129,580	127,740	4,870	6,710
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	880	4.2	740	3.7	550	2.8	140	330	20,770	20,050	19,640	720	1,130
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	270	5.0	250	4.7	230	4.4	20	40	5,400	5,330	5,170	70	230
County													
BELKNAP	440	1.5	440	1.6	450	1.7	0	-10	28,490	26,990	26,910	1,500	1,580
CARROLL	310	1.6	340	1.9	250	1.4	-30	60	18,810	17,750	17,670	1,060	1,140
CHESHIRE	580	1.6	630	1.8	800	2.3	-50	-220	36,740	35,980	35,040	760	1,700
COOS	580	2.8	810	4.2	610	3.1	-230	-30	20,640	19,490	19,390	1,150	1,250
GRAFTON	730	1.8	690	1.8	700	1.8	40	30	41,200	39,110	38,870	2,090	2,330
HILLSBOROUGH	4,760	2.6	4,200	2.3	4,590	2.6	560	170	184,170	181,010	175,230	3,160	8,940
MERRIMACK	1,080	1.7	920	1.5	1,070	1.7	160	10	65,170	63,120	61,420	2,050	3,750
ROCKINGHAM	4,480	3.6	3,980	3.2	4,450	3.7	500	30	126,440	122,850	121,080	3,590	5,360
STRAFFORD	1,530	2.6	1,400	2.4	1,360	2.4	130	170	59,370	57,320	56,080	2,050	3,290
SULLIVAN	280	1.4	350	1.8	480	2.5	-70	-200	20,200	19,790	19,400	410	800

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

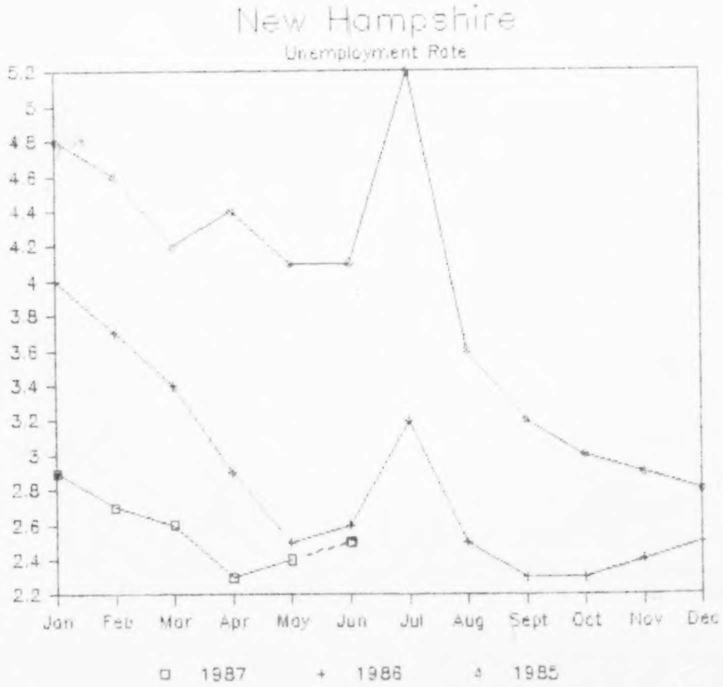
**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H.-ME. MSA includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - June	334.9			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - June	340.1			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	134,450	129,580	127,740	4,870	6,710
Unemployment Percent of Labor Force	2,940 2.2	2,570 2.0	2,850 2.2	370 xxx	90 xxx
Employment Total	131,510	127,010	124,890	4,500	6,620
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	110,000	107,600	107,300	2,400	2,700
Manufacturing	20,150	19,900	20,850	250	-700
Durable Goods	12,250	12,100	12,650	150	-400
Nondurable Goods	7,900	7,800	8,200	100	-300
Nonmanufacturing	89,850	87,700	86,450	2,150	3,400
Construction (inc. mining)	5,450	5,200	5,750	250	-300
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	3,050	3,000	2,850	50	200
Trade	30,250	28,400	28,950	1,850	1,300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,400	6,300	5,750	100	650
Services	20,800	19,950	19,300	850	1,500
Government	23,900	24,850	23,850	-950	50
Federal	10,700	10,650	10,750	50	-50
State	4,350	5,400	4,300	-1,050	50
Local	8,850	8,800	8,800	50	50

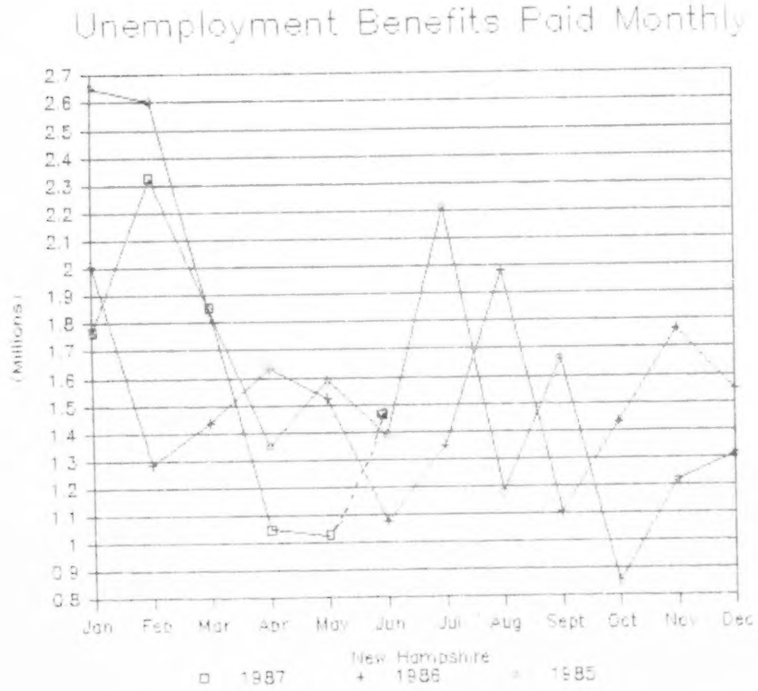
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
Manufacturing	$376.94	$367.35	$362.09	40.1	39.8	41.1	9.40	9.23	8.81
Durable Goods	421.26	412.64	407.58	41.3	41.1	42.5	10.20	10.04	9.59
Nondurable - Goods	312.58	300.13	295.99	38.4	37.8	39.1	8.14	7.94	7.57

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
51%	14,400	39

Weekly Claims Filed During June
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,922	7,803	2	10	6	7	14	28	12	19
Berlin	88	384	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Claremont	102	206	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
Concord	188	468	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Conway	30	215	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dover	618	1,110	0	6	0	2	3	5	3	8
Keene	151	251	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0
Laconia	177	387	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Lebanon	33	106	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Littleton	108	219	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester	660	1,224	0	0	0	1	2	5	6	2
Nashua	295	664	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Portsmouth	240	865	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	2
Salem	116	421	0	3	0	0	1	5	1	1
Liable Interstate	116	1,283	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $123.25



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$149,323,233.01

Net contributions received during month:

173,687.76

Net benefits paid during month:

1,463,242.64

Interest Received:

268,399.06

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
All manufacturing	$380.59	$377.20	$361.79	41.1	41.0	41.3	$9.26	$9.20	$8.76
Durable goods	389.87	390.21	373.98	41.3	41.6	41.6	9.44	9.38	8.99
Lumber & wood prods.	305.71	314.02	275.12	38.6	39.4	39.7	7.92	7.97	6.93
Furniture & fixtures	314.47	303.20	280.28	41.0	40.0	39.2	7.67	7.58	7.15
Stone & clay prods.	350.40	378.32	358.62	40.0	44.3	41.7	8.76	8.54	8.60
Primary metal prods.	442.88	448.18	406.08	44.6	45.5	42.7	9.93	9.85	9.51
Fab. metal prods.	379.85	382.47	354.60	40.8	41.8	39.4	9.31	9.15	9.00
Mach. (exc. elec.)	416.55	416.11	394.24	43.3	43.3	44.0	9.62	9.61	8.96
Electrical prods.	399.20	399.80	415.38	40.0	40.1	42.0	9.98	9.97	9.89
Miscellaneous prods.	327.24	307.32	270.66	40.6	39.4	38.5	8.06	7.80	7.03
Other durables	399.00	387.04	352.52	42.0	41.0	39.3	9.50	9.44	8.97
Nondurable goods	361.01	349.05	336.59	40.7	39.8	40.7	8.87	8.77	8.27
Food & kindred prods.	463.22	446.24	413.17	44.2	41.9	43.4	10.48	10.65	9.52
Textile mill prods.	307.57	300.92	301.90	40.9	40.5	40.2	7.52	7.43	7.51
Apparel	236.82	227.77	223.65	36.1	35.7	37.4	6.56	6.38	5.98
Paper & allied prods.	533.74	491.04	459.84	50.4	46.5	47.9	10.59	10.56	9.60
Print., pub. & allied	355.42	345.50	344.51	37.1	36.6	37.9	9.58	9.44	9.09
Leather & lea. prods.	216.38	209.96	209.56	36.8	36.2	35.7	5.88	5.80	5.87
Footwear	201.29	195.64	193.00	36.4	35.7	34.9	5.53	5.48	5.53
Other nondurables	376.54	374.51	352.73	40.1	40.4	41.4	9.39	9.27	8.52

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
43%

Total Production Workers:
81,750

Firms Reporting:
301

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
All manufacturing	$374.03	$368.34	$360.05	40.7	40.3	40.5	$9.19	$9.14	$8.89
Durable goods	386.40	380.89	374.92	40.0	39.8	39.8	9.66	9.57	9.42
Mach. & elec. prods.	398.05	389.86	379.61	40.7	40.4	40.6	9.78	9.65	9.35
Other durables	372.79	369.33	369.38	39.2	39.0	38.8	9.51	9.47	9.52
Nondurable goods	350.70	343.20	336.54	42.0	41.2	41.6	8.35	8.33	8.09
Textiles & apparel	266.81	257.11	300.77	38.5	37.7	40.7	6.93	6.82	7.39
Other nondurables	386.28	380.46	351.54	43.5	42.7	42.0	8.88	8.91	8.37

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
51%

Total Production Workers:
9,650

Firms Reporting:
38

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
All manufacturing	$481.95	$478.55	$426.01	42.5	42.2	41.4	$11.34	$11.34	$10.29
Durable goods	492.78	494.07	432.43	43.0	43.0	41.7	11.46	11.49	10.37
Mach. & elec. prods.	520.33	523.74	468.84	42.2	42.0	42.2	12.33	12.47	11.11
Other durables	436.88	431.16	348.39	44.9	45.1	40.7	9.73	9.56	8.56
Nondurable goods	435.37	414.96	398.80	40.2	39.0	40.0	10.83	10.64	9.97

Sample Percent of Production Workers:
47%

Total Production Workers:
20,350

Firms Reporting:
58

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending June 30, 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	7,134	3,522	1,097	537	546	277
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,304	494	175	59	151	52
Clerical (20-24)	1,477	1,247	220	181	109	84
Sales (25-29)	401	209	77	37	30	17
Services (3)	1,245	822	198	140	64	44
Farm (4)	100	30	13	3	6	3
Processing (5)	104	47	19	7	6	4
Machine Trade (6)	440	118	49	19	21	7
Benchwork (7)	532	368	83	56	63	39
Structural (8)	972	53	148	5	47	2
Miscellaneous (9)	541	125	112	29	47	24
Unclassified	18	9	3	1	2	1

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	June 1987	May 1987	July 1, 1986 To June 30, 1987
Total applicants for employment	2,270	1,855	29,837
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,388	2,420	25,813
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,825	2,942	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	913	866	10,597

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

JULY

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Unemployment increased by 1,190 from mid-June to mid-July. The latest total of 15,960 unemployed represents 2.6 percent of the civilian labor force of 605,860. The unemployment rate was 2.5 percent in June and 3.2 percent a year ago. Nationally the rates were 6.1 percent in July, 6.3 percent in June, and 7.0 percent a year ago. The latest labor force data available by State (June 1987) indicates that New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any State for twenty-three consecutive months.

Factory jobs decreased statewide due primarily to workers filing for unemployment compensation as a result of vacation plant shutdowns. Those that filed were ineligible for vacation pay due to insufficient time on the job. Some of the losses in manufacturing were offset by employment gains in nonmanufacturing. The number of seasonal jobs expanded especially in trade and services as tourism approached peak levels in many areas of the State. The seacoast, lakes region, and mountain resort areas all added on workers to meet the demand of the summertime population.

The rates of unemployment ranged from a low of 1.5 percent in the Claremont LMA to a high of 5.3 percent in the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA). Due primarily to vacation claims by factory workers, nine areas recorded unemployment increases in July. The Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA led this group with an increase of 500 more unemployed. Year ago comparisons indicate seven areas had lower unemployment and five areas had higher unemployment in July. The Salem area had the largest increase in unemployment with 210 more unemployed while the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA experienced the largest decrease in unemployment with 1,210 fewer unemployed.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 850 from June as manufacturing lost 1,750 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 2,600. Compared to the year ago level, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 15,950 as manufacturing increased 2,300 jobs and nonmanufacturing 13,650. Trade gained 5,900, services 4,050, and finance, insurance, and real estate 2,200 over the year.

The average weekly manufacturing wage for July was $377.74 which represented average weekly hours worked of 40.1 at an average hourly rate of $9.42. The average hourly rate for durables was $9.64 and for nondurables it was $8.90. Average weekly hours worked was highest in the paper industry at 44.8 and lowest in the footwear industry with 35.6.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Month	Year	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Month	Year	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	605,860	601,230	575,860	4,630	30,000	87,480	87,390	83,480	90	4,000	95,910	97,060	92,070	-1,150	3,840
2. Unemployment	15,960	14,770	18,560	1,190	-2,600	1,860	1,820	2,460	40	-600	2,490	2,720	2,810	-230	-320
Percent of labor force	2.6	2.5	3.2	xxx	xxx	2.1	2.1	2.9	xxx	xxx	2.6	2.8	3.1	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	589,850	586,460	557,300	3,390	32,550	85,620	85,570	81,020	50	4,600	93,420	94,340	89,260	-920	4,160
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	50	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	509,900	509,050	493,950	850	15,950	84,900	85,150	82,400	-250	2,500	88,900	90,300	86,900	-1,400	2,000
Manufacturing	116,600	118,350	114,300	-1,750	2,300	12,350	12,600	13,150	-250	-800	36,050	36,050	35,850	0	200
Durable goods	82,250	83,000	80,200	-750	2,050	8,100	8,200	8,000	-100	100	29,950	29,950	29,800	0	150
Lumber & wood prods.	5,950	6,050	5,750	-100	200										
Furniture & fixtures	1,550	1,550	1,500	0	50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,400	3,300	3,200	100	200										
Primary metal prods.	*4,550	4,650	4,050	-100	500										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,800	6,400	-150	250	Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,400	25,250	25,100	150	300	4,600	4,650	4,600	-50	0	22,950	22,950	22,850	0	100
Electrical prods.	23,950	24,000	23,050	-50	900										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	2,050	1,950	-100	0										
Other durables	8,850	9,350	9,200	-500	-350	3,500	3,550	3,400	-50	100	7,000	7,000	6,950	0	50
Nondurable goods	34,350	35,350	34,100	-1,000	250	4,250	4,400	5,150	-150	-900	6,100	6,100	6,050	0	50
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,150	2,900	-50	200										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,850	3,150	-100	600	1,200	1,300	1,250	-100	-50					
Apparel	1,900	2,100	2,150	-200	-250										
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,350	5,550	-50	-250										
Print., pub. & allied	7,400	7,300	7,150	100	250										
Leather & lea. prods.	3,800	4,350	3,650	-550	150										
Other nondurables	9,100	9,250	9,550	-150	-450	3,050	3,100	3,900	-50	-850					
Nonmanufacturing	393,300	390,700	379,650	2,600	13,650	72,550	72,550	69,250	0	3,300	52,850	54,250	51,050	-1,400	1,800
Construction (inc. min.)	38,150	36,700	38,250	1,450	-100	6,200	5,800	6,050	400	150	5,050	5,250	4,800	-200	250
Trans., comm. & util.	16,600	17,700	16,600	-1,100	0	4,900	4,950	4,800	-50	100	2,150	2,250	2,000	-100	150
Trade	129,850	128,600	123,950	1,250	5,900	22,500	22,900	21,950	-400	550	20,050	20,450	19,400	-400	650
Fin., ins. & real estate	31,300	31,000	29,100	300	2,200	8,750	8,650	7,900	100	850	3,750	3,650	3,300	100	450
Service industry & other	117,850	113,400	113,800	4,450	4,050	22,050	22,150	21,200	-100	850	16,400	16,650	16,150	-250	250
Government	59,550	63,300	57,950	-3,750	1,600	8,150	8,100	7,350	50	800	5,450	6,000	5,400	-550	50
Federal	8,850	9,000	8,250	-150	600	2,900	2,700	2,400	200	500	850	850	750	0	100
State	16,050	16,200	15,700	-150	350	800	800	800	0	0	250	200	250	50	0
Local	34,650	38,100	34,000	-3,450	650	4,450	4,600	4,150	-150	300	4,350	4,950	4,400	-600	-50

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes: 50

* Industry

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
Area	July 1987		June 1987		July 1986		Numerical Change From Previous		July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year				Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,453	6.1	7,655	6.3	8,471	7.0	-202	-1,018	122,105	121,153	120,303	952	1,802
NEW HAMPSHIRE	15,960	2.6	14,770	2.5	18,560	3.2	1,190	-2,600	605,860	601,230	575,860	4,630	30,000
BERLIN LMA	660	2.4	610	2.3	640	2.5	50	20	27,330	26,490	25,480	840	1,850
CLAREMONT LMA	620	1.5	550	1.4	780	2.1	70	-160	40,280	39,440	38,010	840	2,270
CONCORD LMA	1,250	2.3	1,000	1.8	1,080	2.1	250	170	54,580	54,510	50,710	70	3,870
KEENE LMA	770	1.8	630	1.5	1,090	2.7	140	-320	42,210	41,130	39,790	1,080	2,420
LACONIA LMA	1,070	1.9	830	1.5	1,330	2.4	240	-260	57,700	54,810	54,520	2,890	3,180
LITTLETON LMA	390	2.1	420	2.3	720	4.0	-30	-330	18,920	18,450	18,150	470	770
MANCHESTER MSA	1,860	2.1	1,820	2.1	2,460	2.9	40	-600	87,480	87,390	83,480	520	4,000
NASHUA PMSA	2,490	2.6	2,720	2.8	2,810	3.1	-230	-320	95,910	97,060	92,070	-1,150	3,840
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,650	5.3	2,420	4.7	2,440	5.1	230	210	50,400	51,100	48,140	-700	2,260
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,440	2.5	2,940	2.2	4,650	3.6	500	-1,210	136,340	134,450	130,950	1,890	5,390
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	840	4.2	880	4.2	790	4.2	-40	50	19,990	20,770	18,790	-780	1,200
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	280	5.3	270	5.0	220	4.3	10	60	5,310	5,400	5,100	-90	210
County													
BELKNAP	630	2.1	440	1.5	770	2.7	190	-140	29,980	28,490	28,320	1,490	1,660
CARROLL	290	1.5	310	1.6	270	1.5	-20	20	19,410	18,810	18,150	600	1,260
CHESHIRE	700	1.9	570	1.6	1,020	2.9	130	-320	37,700	36,730	35,570	970	2,130
COOS	620	2.9	580	2.8	720	3.6	40	-100	21,280	20,640	20,000	640	1,280
GRAFTON	710	1.7	730	1.8	1,040	2.6	-20	-330	42,400	41,210	40,220	1,190	2,180
HILLSBOROUGH	4,610	2.5	4,760	2.6	5,380	3.1	-150	-770	183,020	184,170	174,930	-1,150	8,090
MERRIMACK	1,340	2.0	1,080	1.7	1,300	2.1	260	40	65,810	65,170	61,530	640	4,280
ROCKINGHAM	4,610	3.7	4,490	3.6	4,840	4.0	120	-230	125,410	126,440	119,750	-1,030	5,660
STRAFFORD	2,080	3.5	1,530	2.6	2,710	4.7	550	-630	60,170	59,370	57,810	800	2,360
SULLIVAN	370	1.8	280	1.4	510	2.6	90	-140	20,680	20,200	19,580	480	1,100

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

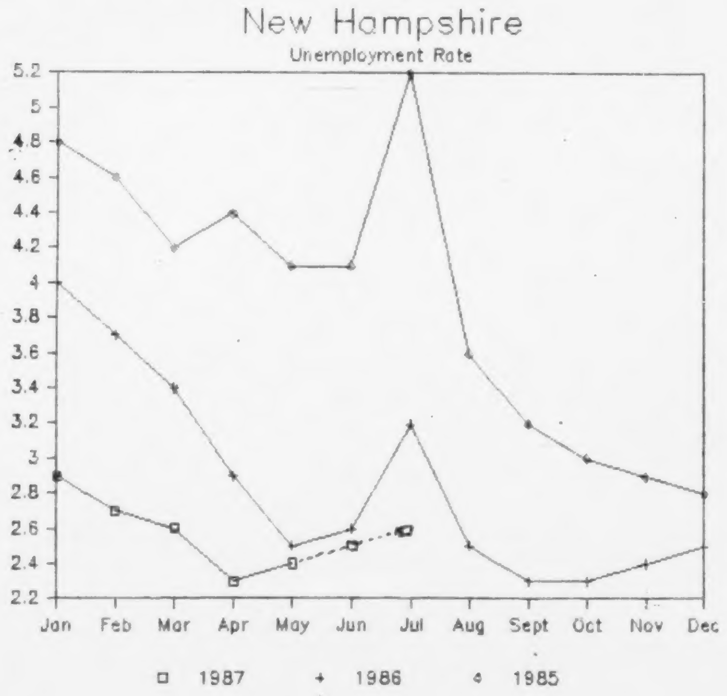
**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - July	335.6			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - July	340.8			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
Industry	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	136,340	134,450	130,950	1,890	5,390
Unemployment Percent	3,440	2,940	4,650	500	-1,210
of Labor Force	2.5	2.2	3.6	xxx	xxx
Employment Total	132,900	131,510	126,300	1,390	6,600
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	110,050	110,250	106,900	-200	3,150
Manufacturing	19,250	20,200	19,400	-950	-150
Durable Goods	12,000	12,250	12,150	-250	-150
Nondurable Goods	7,250	7,950	7,250	-700	0
Nonmanufacturing	90,800	90,050	87,500	750	3,300
Construction (inc. mining)	5,550	5,450	5,900	100	-350
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	3,100	3,050	2,850	50	250
Trade	30,850	30,350	30,250	500	600
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,500	6,450	5,850	50	650
Services	21,650	20,850	20,150	800	1,500
Government	23,150	23,900	22,500	-750	650
Federal	10,750	10,700	10,750	50	0
State	4,350	4,350	4,300	0	50
Local	8,050	8,850	7,450	-800	600

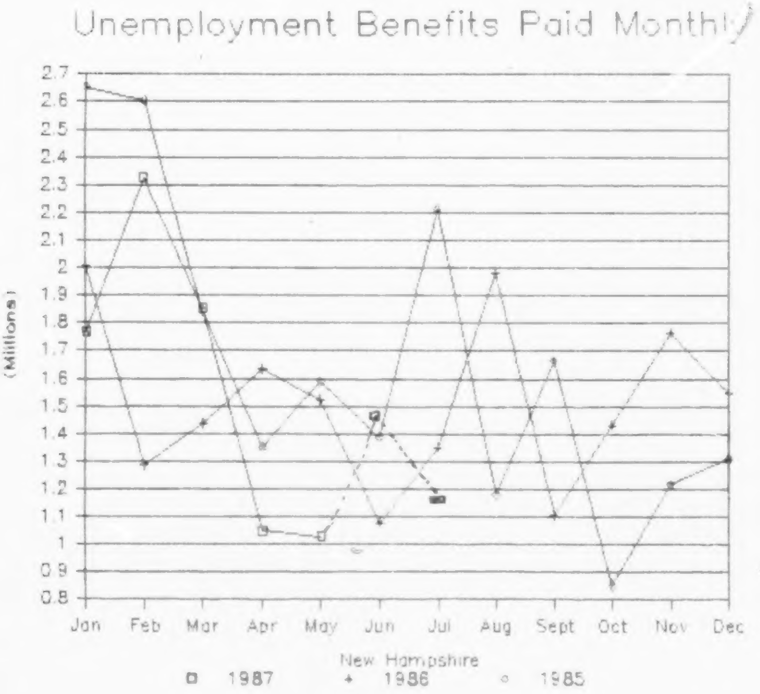
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
Manufacturing	$372.96	$376.00	$345.93	39.3	40.0	39.0	9.49	9.40	8.87
Durable Goods	416.98	419.63	374.40	40.8	41.1	38.4	10.22	10.21	9.75
Nondurable - Goods	297.34	312.19	300.40	36.8	38.4	40.0	8.08	8.13	7.51

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
51%	13,098	43

Weekly Claims Filed During July
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,216	10,553	4	22	7	15	26	22	15	19
Berlin	193	321	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	2
Claremont	175	338	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Concord	426	785	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0
Conway	52	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	903	2,204	0	5	0	3	7	2	4	0
Keene	187	436	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Laconia	279	643	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	0
Lebanon	42	118	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Littleton	201	341	0	0	0	5	2	1	1	2
Manchester	714	1,617	1	3	0	2	2	1	3	4
Nashua	419	989	0	2	2	1	2	1	3	1
Portsmouth	299	1,032	1	3	0	0	2	5	2	5
Salem	161	489	0	2	2	3	1	3	0	2
Liable Interstate	165	1,132	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	3

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.50



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$ 152,075,953.74

Net contributions received during month:

$ 3,916,347.89

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,163,627.16

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
All manufacturing	$377.74	$382.64	$358.09	40.1	41.1	40.1	$9.42	$9.31	$8.93
Durable goods	388.49	392.06	364.32	40.3	41.4	39.6	9.64	9.47	9.20
Lumber & wood prods.	312.23	306.87	260.63	37.8	38.6	37.5	8.26	7.95	6.95
Furniture & fixtures	316.98	319.19	275.87	40.9	41.4	38.8	7.75	7.71	7.11
Stone & clay prods.	368.92	349.27	362.95	42.6	39.6	42.5	8.66	8.82	8.54
Primary metal prods.	411.76	441.78	380.07	41.3	44.4	41.0	9.97	9.95	9.27
Fab. metal prods.	386.91	391.25	326.84	40.9	41.8	36.6	9.46	9.36	8.93
Mach. (exc. elec.)	418.50	416.98	395.43	43.1	43.3	41.8	9.71	9.63	9.46
Electrical prods.	390.00	402.20	396.78	37.5	40.1	38.9	10.40	10.03	10.20
Miscellaneous prods.	331.30	324.82	273.67	40.7	40.2	37.8	8.14	8.08	7.24
Other durables	399.34	399.00	360.08	41.0	42.0	39.7	9.74	9.50	9.07
Nondurable goods	355.11	362.25	343.60	39.9	40.5	41.1	8.90	8.95	8.36
Food & kindred prods.	492.49	458.74	428.29	45.1	43.4	44.8	10.92	10.57	9.56
Textile mill prods.	305.60	310.78	301.36	40.0	40.1	39.6	7.64	7.75	7.61
Apparel	236.99	236.82	225.79	36.8	36.1	38.4	6.44	6.56	5.88
Paper & allied prods.	483.39	528.44	473.79	44.8	49.9	48.1	10.79	10.59	9.85
Print., pub. & allied	355.88	357.27	345.00	37.5	37.1	37.5	9.49	9.63	9.20
Leather & lea. prods.	212.86	216.38	230.50	36.7	36.8	39.2	5.80	5.88	5.88
Footwear	194.02	201.29	220.97	35.6	36.4	39.6	5.45	5.53	5.58
Other nondurables	362.48	383.11	343.54	39.4	40.2	40.8	9.20	9.53	8.42

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 33%

Total Production Workers: 79,400

Firms Reporting: 255

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
All manufacturing	$376.40	$376.25	$348.77	40.0	40.5	39.1	$9.41	$9.29	$8.92
Durable goods	387.69	386.40	369.22	39.2	40.0	38.5	9.89	9.66	9.59
Mach. & elec. prods.	390.06	398.05	356.96	39.4	40.7	38.3	9.90	9.78	9.32
Other durables	383.94	373.18	384.12	38.9	39.2	38.8	9.87	9.52	9.90
Nondurable goods	356.10	356.90	317.59	41.6	41.5	40.1	8.56	8.60	7.92
Textiles & apparel	282.36	283.88	286.77	37.9	37.7	39.5	7.45	7.53	7.26
Other nondurables	384.42	387.90	326.42	43.0	43.1	40.2	8.94	9.00	8.12

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 44%

Total Production Workers: 9,648

Firms Reporting: 32

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986
All manufacturing	$467.98	$479.52	$426.38	40.8	42.1	40.3	$11.47	$11.39	$10.58
Durable goods	484.38	491.05	431.35	41.4	42.7	40.2	11.70	11.50	10.73
Mach. & elec. prods.	508.59	519.51	464.00	40.3	42.1	40.0	12.62	12.34	11.60
Other durables	430.65	433.06	352.92	43.5	44.1	40.8	9.90	9.82	8.65
Nondurable goods	402.98	433.42	404.19	38.6	39.8	40.5	10.44	10.89	9.98

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 32%

Total Production Workers: 20,757

Firms Reporting: 50

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending July 31, 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL						
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	7,218	3,492	1,086	554	645	304
Managerial (18,19)	1,359	493	158	50	188	64
Clerical (20-24)	1,472	1,204	235	186	107	78
Sales (25-29)	426	213	67	30	40	15
Services (3)	1,152	775	209	157	66	46
Farm (4)	94	26	13	3	6	3
Processing (5)	100	39	12	7	8	5
Machine Trade (6)	462	119	55	19	40	10
Benchwork (7)	612	416	95	64	87	61
Structural (8)	995	61	122	4	59	2
Miscellaneous (9)	542	145	120	34	44	20
Unclassified	4	1	0	0	0	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	July 1987	June 1987	July 1, 1987 To July 31, 1987
Total applicants for employment	2,306	2,270	2,306
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,974	2,388	2,974
Job openings unfilled end of month	3,506	2,825	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	895	913	895

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

AUGUST

Wesley S. Noyes, Jr., Editor
Supervisor, Economic Analysis and Reports

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The number of unemployed decreased by 3,150 from mid-July to mid-August. The latest total of 12,810 represents 2.1 percent of the civilian labor force of 611,510. The unemployment rate dropped from 2.6 percent in July to 2.1 percent in August. A year ago the rate was 2.5 percent. Nationally the rates were 5.8 percent in August, 6.1 percent in July, and 6.7 percent a year ago. New Hampshire had recorded the lowest state unemployment rate nationally through June for twenty-three consecutive months, however, in July Massachusetts tied our 2.6 rate.

The significant drop in the August unemployment rate is due in part to many factory workers having returned to work after the annual July vacation plant shutdowns. These workers were technically unemployed in July because they received no vacation pay due to insufficient time on the job prior to the vacation plant shutdowns. All labor market areas in the state experienced decreased unemployment from July. The unemployment decreases ranged from a high of 990 fewer unemployed in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA to a low of 20 fewer unemployed in the town of Pelham (N.H. Portion of the Lowell MA. PMSA). The rates of unemployment ranged from a low of 1.3 percent in the Claremont Labor Market Area to a high of 4.9 percent in the town of Pelham.

The number of unemployed and the rate of unemployment for August for each area are as follows: Berlin LMA 560 (2.0 percent), Claremont LMA 540 (1.3), Concord LMA 900 (1.6), Keene LMA 580 (1.4), Laconia LMA 860 (1.5), Littleton LMA 270 (1.4), Manchester MSA 1,480 (1.7), Nashua PMSA 2,270 (2.3), Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA 2,450 (1.8), Salem (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) 2,210 (4.4), Unattached Area 680 (3.4), and the town of Pelham (part of the Lowell MA. PMSA) 260 (4.9 percent).

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 3,800 from July as manufacturing gained 2,050 and nonmanufacturing gained 1,750. Compared to the year ago level, manufacturing is up only 1,050 jobs while nonmanufacturing is up 17,150. Trade has gained 5,700, services 5,400, construction 2,700, and finance, insurance, and real estate 2,000.

The average weekly manufacturing wage for August was $389.43, an increase of 3.6 percent over the July average of $375.87. The average hourly rate was $9.25 and the average weekly hours worked was 42.1. While the food and kindred products industry recorded the highest hourly rate of $10.91, the paper industry recorded the highest average weekly hours worked of 49.2.

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New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Month	Year	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Month	Year	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	611,510	605,860	573,820	5,650	37,690	88,530	87,480	83,130	1,050	5,400	97,250	95,910	91,490	1,340	5,760
2. Unemployment	12,810	15,960	14,470	-3,150	-1,660	1,480	1,860	1,690	-380	-210	2,270	2,490	2,460	- 220	-190
Percent of labor force	2.1	2.6	2.5	xxx	xxx	1.7	2.1	2.0	xxx	xxx	2.3	2.6	2.7	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	598,650	589,850	559,350	8,800	39,300	87,050	85,620	81,440	1,430	5,610	94,980	93,420	89,030	1,560	5,950
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	50	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	514,700	510,900	496,500	3,800	18,200	85,650	85,250	83,000	400	2,650	90,100	90,100	86,700	0	3,400
Manufacturing	118,350	116,300	117,300	2,050	1,050	12,900	12,650	13,650	250	-750	36,400	36,250	35,750	150	650
Durable goods	83,300	82,000	81,150	1,300	2,150	8,200	8,100	8,200	100	0	30,300	30,200	29,600	100	700
Lumber & wood prods.	6,050	5,700	5,950	350	100										
Furniture & fixtures	1,600	1,550	1,500	50	100										
Stone & clay prods.	3,500	3,400	3,250	100	250										
Primary metal prods.	*4,650	*4,650	3,700	0	950										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,600	6,550	6,650	50	-50										
						Machinery And Electrical Products Combined									
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,500	25,400	25,300	100	200	4,650	4,600	4,750	50	100	23,200	23,150	22,550	50	650
Electrical prods.	24,200	23,850	23,500	350	700										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,000	1,850	2,000	150	0										
Other durables	9,200	9,050	9,300	150	-100	3,550	3,500	3,450	50	100	7,100	7,050	7,050	50	50
Nondurable goods	35,050	34,300	36,150	750	-1,100	4,700	4,550	5,450	150	-750	6,100	6,050	6,150	50	-50
Food & kindred prods.	3,200	3,100	3,200	100	0										
Textile mill prods.	3,850	3,750	3,500	100	350	1,250	1,150	1,500	100	-250					
Apparel	2,050	1,800	2,450	250	-400										
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	-200										
Print., pub. & allied	7,500	7,350	7,150	150	350										
Leather & lea. prods.	4,200	3,900	4,500	300	-300										
Other nondurables	8,950	9,100	9,850	-150	-900	3,450	3,400	3,950	50	-500					
Nonmanufacturing	396,350	394,600	379,200	1,750	17,150	72,750	72,600	69,350	150	3,400	53,700	53,850	50,950	-150	2,750
Construction (inc. min.)	38,800	38,150	36,100	650	2,700	6,300	6,300	6,150	0	150	5,600	5,550	4,750	50	850
Trans., comm. & util.	16,850	16,900	16,650	-50	200	4,900	4,900	4,850	0	50	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
Trade	131,050	130,100	125,350	950	5,700	22,450	22,450	21,900	0	550	20,350	20,500	19,500	-150	850
Fin., ins. & real estate	31,350	31,300	29,350	50	2,000	8,750	8,700	7,950	50	800	3,800	3,750	3,300	50	500
Service industry & other	119,100	118,900	113,700	200	5,400	22,000	22,100	21,200	-100	800	16,400	16,450	16,150	-50	250
Government	59,200	59,250	58,050	-50	1,150	8,350	8,150	7,300	200	1,050	5,450	5,500	5,250	-50	200
Federal	8,950	8,900	8,300	50	650	3,150	2,900	2,450	250	700	850	850	750	0	100
State	16,150	16,100	15,850	50	300	800	800	800	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	34,100	34,250	33,900	-150	200	4,400	4,450	4,050	-50	350	4,350	4,400	4,250	-50	100

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

* 50

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
Area	August Number	1987 Rate	July Number	1987 Rate	August Number	1986 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year	August 1987	July 1987	August 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,088	5.8	7,453	6.1	7,955	6.7	-365	-867	121,614	122,105	119,471	-491	2,143
NEW HAMPSHIRE	12,810	2.1	15,960	2.6	14,470	2.5	-3,150	-1,660	611,510	605,860	573,820	5,650	37,690
BERLIN LMA	560	2.0	660	2.4	670	2.6	-100	-110	28,020	27,330	25,560	690	2,460
CLAREMONT LMA	540	1.3	620	1.5	610	1.6	-80	-70	40,350	40,280	37,670	70	2,680
CONCORD LMA	900	1.6	1,250	2.3	780	1.5	-350	120	55,470	54,590	50,600	880	4,870
KEENE LMA	580	1.4	770	1.8	710	1.8	-190	-130	42,550	42,210	39,320	340	3,230
LACONIA LMA	860	1.5	1,070	1.9	950	1.7	-210	-90	58,620	57,700	54,330	920	4,290
LITTLETON LMA	270	1.4	390	2.1	390	2.1	-120	-120	19,700	18,920	18,240	780	1,460
MANCHESTER MSA	1,480	1.7	1,860	2.1	1,690	2.0	-380	-210	88,530	87,480	83,130	1,050	5,400
NASHUA PMSA	2,270	2.3	2,490	2.6	2,460	2.7	-220	-190	97,250	95,910	91,490	1,340	5,340
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,210	4.4	2,650	5.3	2,290	4.8	-440	-80	50,390	50,400	48,060	-10	2,330
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,450	1.8	3,440	2.5	3,410	2.6	-990	-960	135,980	136,340	131,060	-360	4,920
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	680	3.4	840	4.2	610	3.3	-160	70	20,170	19,990	18,640	180	530
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	260	4.9	280	5.3	220	4.3	-20	40	5,350	5,310	5,100	40	250
County													
BELKNAP	480	1.6	630	2.1	490	1.7	-150	-10	30,420	29,980	28,140	440	2,280
CARROLL	250	1.3	290	1.5	250	1.4	-40	0	19,850	19,410	18,170	440	1,680
CHESHIRE	540	1.4	700	1.9	650	1.9	-160	-110	38,010	37,700	35,120	310	2,890
COOS	530	2.4	620	2.9	670	3.3	-90	-140	21,880	21,280	20,080	600	1,800
GRAFTON	530	1.2	710	1.7	680	1.7	-180	-150	43,200	42,400	40,150	800	3,050
HILLSBOROUGH	3,930	2.1	4,610	2.5	4,280	2.5	-680	-350	185,320	183,020	174,000	2,300	11,320
MERRIMACK	1,020	1.5	1,340	2.0	970	1.6	-320	50	66,850	65,810	61,420	1,040	5,430
ROCKINGHAM	3,880	3.1	4,610	3.7	4,360	3.6	-730	-480	125,680	125,410	119,900	270	5,780
STRAFFORD	1,330	2.2	2,080	3.5	1,750	3.0	-750	-420	59,590	60,170	57,490	-580	2,100
SULLIVAN	320	1.5	370	1.8	370	1.9	-50	-50	20,710	20,680	19,350	30	1,360

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

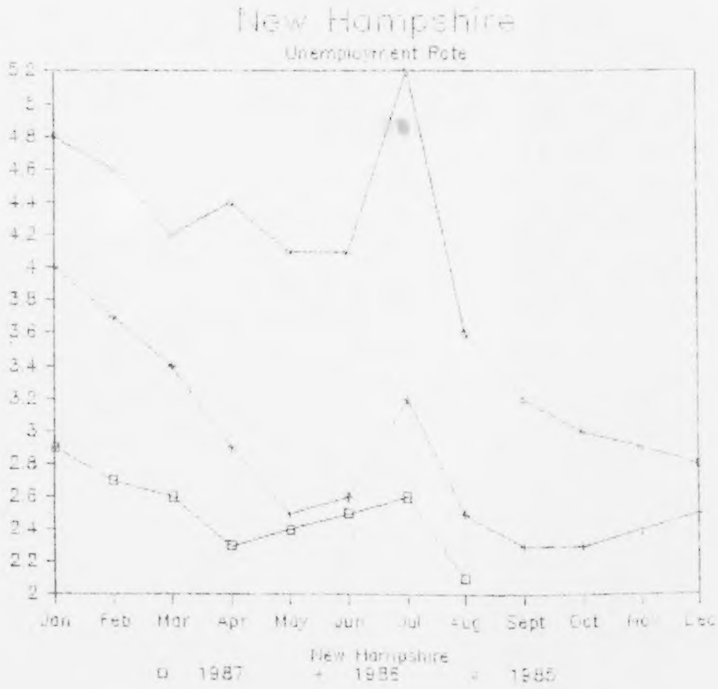
**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. ME. MSA includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - August	337.4			
Percent change from year ago	4.3			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - August	342.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.3			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester Civilian Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	Number of Workers Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	135,980	136,340	131,060	-360	4,920
Unemployment Percent of Labor Force	2,450 1.8	3,440 2.5	3,410 2.6	-990 xxx	-960 xxx
Employment Total	133,530	132,900	127,650	630	5,880
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	109,700	109,350	108,100	350	1,600
Manufacturing	19,050	19,050	20,200	0	-1,150
Durable Goods	12,050	12,250	12,200	-200	-150
Nondurable Goods	7,000	6,800	8,000	200	-1,000
Nonmanufacturing	90,650	90,300	87,900	350	2,750
Construction (inc. mining)	5,150	5,200	5,950	-50	-800
Trans., Commun. & Utilities	3,100	3,100	2,850	0	250
Trade	31,050	31,000	30,500	50	550
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	6,500	6,450	5,900	50	600
Services	21,650	21,650	20,200	0	1,450
Government	23,200	22,900	22,500	300	700
Federal	10,800	10,700	10,600	100	200
State	4,400	4,100	4,400	300	0
Local	8,000	8,100	7,500	-100	500

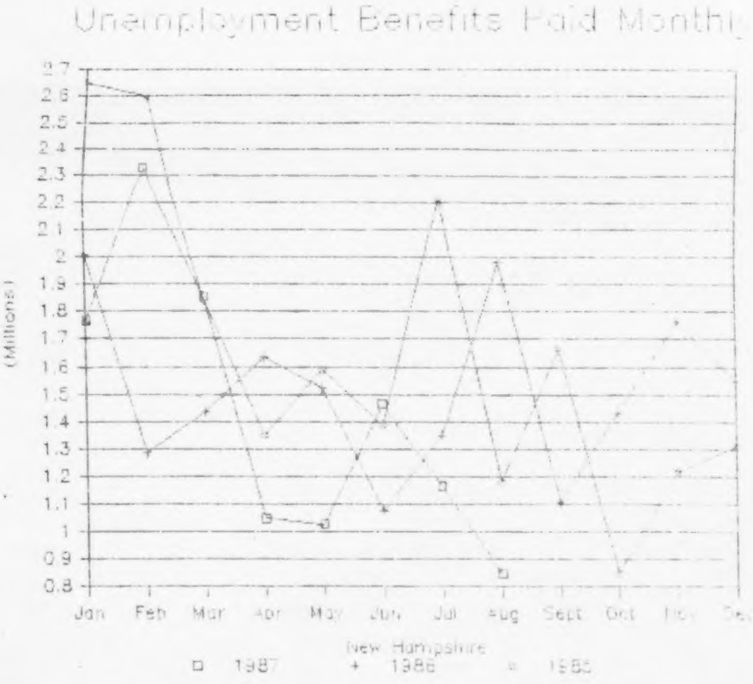
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Manufacturing	$354.76	$372.56	$342.32	39.2	39.3	38.9	9.05	9.48	8.80
Durable Goods	384.07	414.73	379.46	38.6	40.7	39.2	9.95	10.19	9.68
Nondurable - Goods	304.92	297.34	291.07	38.5	36.8	38.4	7.92	8.08	7.58

Sample Percent of Production Workers	Total Production Workers	Firms Reporting
38%	13,600	35

Weekly Claims Filed During August
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	1,875	8,079	7	4	3	4	23	26	10	15
Berlin	63	354	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Claremont	88	341	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Concord	100	705	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
Conway	23	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	376	1,264	2	1	1	1	8	5	4	6
Keene	80	240	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Laconia	146	476	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
Lebanon	26	110	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Littleton	50	130	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Manchester	344	1,189	1	0	0	0	4	4	2	2
Nashua	198	830	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Portsmouth	122	901	0	1	0	0	3	9	0	0
Salem	78	435	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3
Liable Interstate	151	1,012	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $126.30



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$156,930,996.68

Net contributions received during month:

2,252,327,68

Net benefits paid during month:

847,468.79

Interest Received:

3,450,184.05

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
All manufacturing	$389.43	$375.87	$359.92	42.1	40.2	40.9	$9.25	$9.35	$8.80
Durable goods	389.57	382.15	369.56	41.4	40.1	40.7	9.41	9.53	9.08
Lumber & wood prods.	316.38	313.24	282.27	39.4	38.2	39.7	8.03	8.20	7.11
Furniture & fixtures	333.76	313.74	286.40	42.9	41.5	40.0	7.78	7.56	7.16
Stone & clay prods.	354.03	352.63	361.54	40.6	40.6	41.7	8.72	8.71	8.67
Primary metal prods.	469.26	438.68	386.24	46.6	44.0	40.7	10.07	9.97	9.49
Fab. metal prods.	385.93	389.09	344.16	41.1	41.0	38.8	9.39	9.49	8.87
Mach. (exc. elec.)	432.10	400.06	399.74	44.5	41.5	42.3	9.71	9.64	9.45
Electrical prods.	385.14	385.70	395.57	39.3	38.0	40.2	9.80	10.15	9.84
Miscellaneous prods.	335.37	331.30	270.96	41.2	40.7	39.1	8.14	8.14	6.93
Other durables	372.78	386.37	368.16	39.7	40.5	41.6	9.39	9.54	8.85
Nondurable goods	361.42	360.28	338.66	40.7	40.3	41.1	8.88	8.94	8.24
Food & kindred prods.	445.13	491.73	396.33	40.8	44.5	42.8	10.91	11.05	9.26
Textile mill prods.	326.63	306.00	309.34	42.2	40.0	41.3	7.74	7.65	7.49
Apparel	248.95	234.70	226.14	38.3	36.5	38.2	6.50	6.43	5.92
Paper & allied prods.	526.93	514.19	474.79	49.2	48.1	48.3	10.71	10.69	9.83
Print., pub. & allied	373.65	369.60	350.34	38.6	38.5	39.1	9.68	9.60	8.96
Leather & lea. prods.	214.53	210.32	211.97	36.3	36.2	36.8	5.91	5.81	5.76
Footwear	204.89	189.89	199.47	36.2	35.1	36.6	5.66	5.41	5.45
Other nondurables	361.27	361.95	352.26	39.7	39.3	41.2	9.10	9.21	8.55

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 36%

Total Production Workers: 80,100

Firms Reporting: 271

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
All manufacturing	$379.49	$381.11	$361.27	40.5	40.5	41.1	$9.37	$9.41	$8.79
Durable goods	389.64	388.68	378.01	39.8	39.5	40.3	9.79	9.84	9.38
Mach. & elec. prods.	398.75	394.18	362.40	40.4	40.1	40.0	9.87	9.83	9.06
Other durables	377.52	382.57	396.09	39.0	38.8	40.5	9.68	9.86	9.78
Nondurable goods	359.87	365.03	335.86	41.7	42.2	42.3	8.63	8.65	7.94
Textiles & apparel	303.23	283.11	292.25	41.2	37.9	40.2	7.36	7.47	7.27
Other nondurables	382.55	396.86	351.74	41.9	43.9	43.0	9.13	9.04	8.18

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 9,800

Firms Reporting: 35

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1986
All manufacturing	$468.95	$471.93	$429.27	41.1	41.1	41.0	$11.41	$11.48	$10.47
Durable goods	482.47	482.56	437.54	41.7	41.6	41.2	11.57	11.60	10.62
Mach. & elec. prods.	514.60	510.00	466.72	41.4	40.8	40.2	12.43	12.50	11.61
Other durables	416.93	424.10	367.55	42.5	43.1	43.6	9.81	9.84	8.43
Nondurable goods	413.02	428.46	396.77	38.6	39.2	40.2	10.70	10.93	9.87

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 32%

Total Production Workers: 20,700

Firms Reporting: 48

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending August 31, 1987

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	7,093	3,373	1,063	508	744	352
Prof., Tech. (00-) Managerial (19)	1,396	499	190	57	210	71
Clerical (20-24)	1,453	1,194	201	153	146	110
Sales (25-29)	393	173	68	30	44	16
Services (3)	1,132	739	206	142	75	50
Farm (4)	90	24	13	2	7	3
Processing (5)	112	35	12	8	7	3
Machine Trade (6)	461	127	52	19	41	9
Benchwork (7)	589	394	98	64	89	61
Structural (8)	920	56	106	4	62	2
Miscellaneous (9)	543	132	117	29	63	27
Unclassified	4	0	0	0	0	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	Aug. 1987	July 1987	July 1, 1987 To Aug. 31, 1987
Total applicants for employment	2,147	2,306	4,453
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,341	2,974	5,315
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,834	3,506	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	858	895	1,751